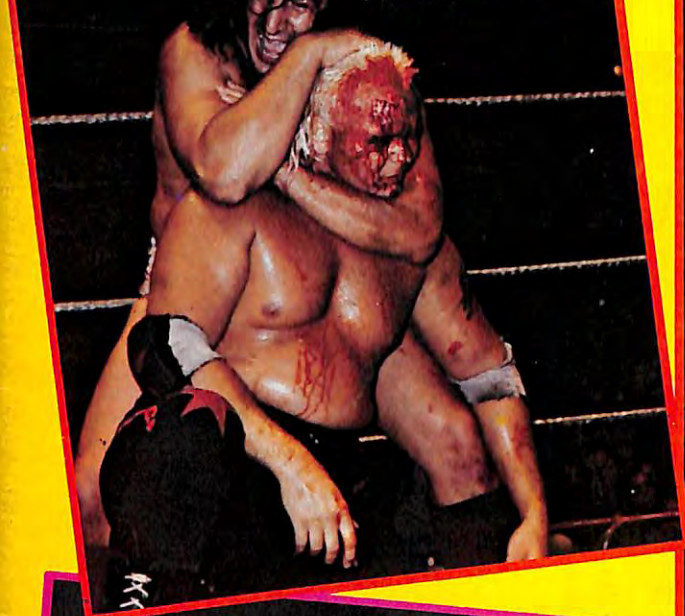


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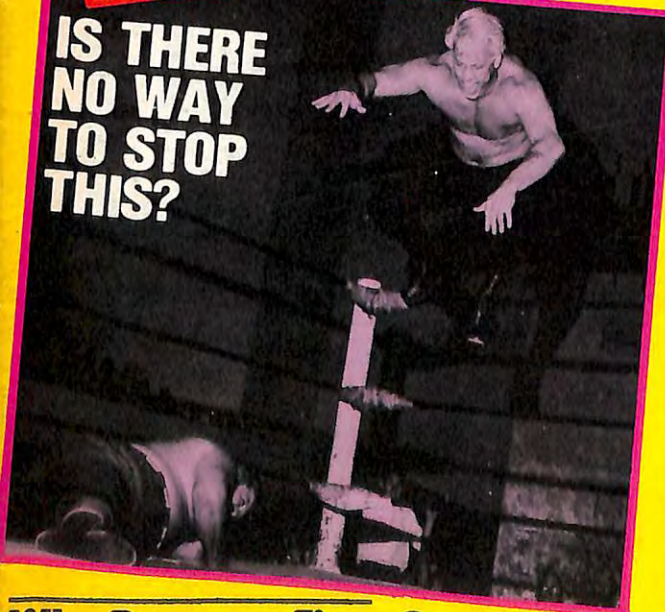
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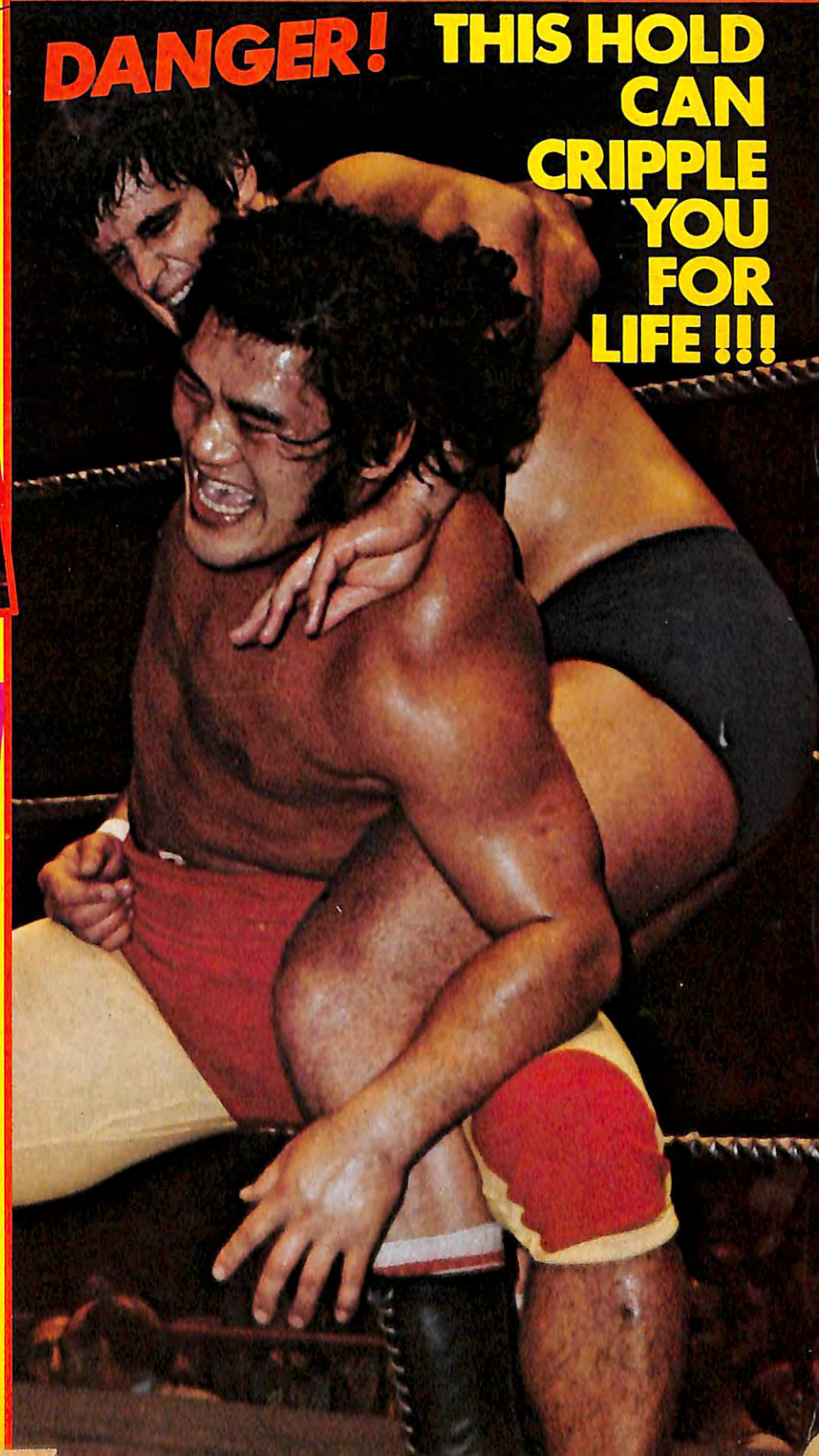
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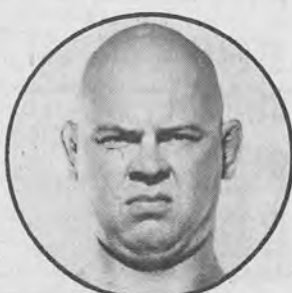
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THE SHEIK



SANDY PARKER

AN EXPERT ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT MUSCLES

Our files show that thousands of readers like yourself want to build bulging muscles and achieve real physical power like their favorite athletic champions. How to go about it? We decided to ask an expert, Dave Prowse, 3-times British Weightlifting champion and leading fitness expert. Here are his answers.

Q. What does it take to build muscles?

A. Basically, it takes exercise. Almost any exercise will help to develop at least some of your muscles if you keep at it long enough and hard enough.

Q. Isn't there an easier way?

A. Yes. There is one outstandingly effective training method that is also fast and easy—the one I use and recommend—the new Bullworker system.

Q. What's that?

A. The Bullworker is a revolutionary new muscle-building exerciser based on Isometrics, the science that increases strength up to four times faster than conventional methods. In my opinion, it's the most advanced training system in the world today. Many leading athletes use it: World-famous Heavyweight Boxer Muhammad Ali, World Heavyweight Judo Champion Wim Ruska, and Cycling Champion Eddy Merckx, to name only a few.

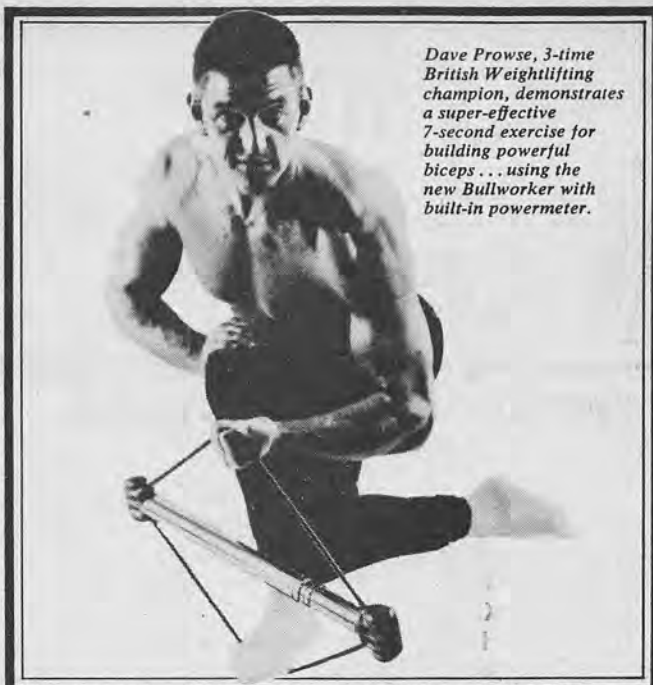
Q. How long does Bullworker training take?

A. Bullworker provides absolutely the fastest kind of exercise possible. In fact, an introduction training program takes only 70 seconds a day. No other system—weightlifting, pulleys, or strenuous calisthenics—can give you results so quickly and easily. On the contrary, many old-fashioned methods take hours of sweaty, boring work each day...and it's often months before you begin to see improvements. Busy professional athletes and champions don't have time for that. Nobody does.

Q. How long does it take before you begin getting results?

A. With the Bullworker, you can actually begin to see and measure the positive results right from the very first day! Thanks to a built-in measuring device called the Powermeter. After every exercise you just check the reading to see exactly how much your strength has increased from the day before. There's no guesswork involved. Isometric Bullworker training can increase your power at the amazing rate of up to 4% per week! That means a 50% increase in strength in the first three months alone. And I've known many young men who have gone on to double and even triple their strength.

Jack Barclay, junior Mr. Europe shows the kind of results he achieved with Isometric Bullworker training.



Dave Prowse, 3-time British Weightlifting champion, demonstrates a super-effective 7-second exercise for building powerful biceps...using the new Bullworker with built-in powermeter.

Q. What do those figures mean in visual terms?

A. They mean that in as little as 14 days you can actually begin to see muscle growth in a mirror and verify it with a tape measure. Every week thereafter brings ever faster growth.

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You can actually measure your musclepower g-r-o-w-i-n-g from the very first day.



Q. But to get such impressive results, don't you have to work very hard?

A. Absolutely not. That's the outstanding advantage of Isometric training...it's so amazingly easy! Each "Static-power" Isometric exercise takes only 7 seconds, and you barely have to move. It's not even necessary to disrobe. The Bullworker is so light and compact, it can be used at home, in the office, anywhere...even while watching TV! It's a great improvement over bulky, expensive weights, bicycle machines, pulleys, etc.

Q. Can Bullworker training even develop bodies which are weak and skinny, or fat and flabby?

A. Definitely! It's been proven by thousands of men of every shape, size and age all over the world. Bullworker training helps transform weak, thin arms into rippling, muscular pillars of strength, build broad, powerful shoulders, turn flat, shallow chests into deep, manly ones, forge loose stomach flab into steel-hard, well-defined muscle...build that "V" shape of a real athlete, develop sturdy, contoured thighs and calves.... And all this in record time!

What's more, I've known skinny, shy fellows who, after just a few short weeks with Bullworker, turned into real go-getters...every inch a man...bowling girls over with their dynamism, confidence, and new found power! You really have to see the remarkable effects of Bullworker for yourself to believe them!

Q. How can our readers find out more about the Bullworker, perhaps actually try it for themselves?

A. I understand that the Bullworker distributor in the USA is now making it available—free—on a two week home-trial basis in order to introduce it to the general public. If your readers are interested in developing their bodies, in building muscles and strength faster than ever before possible, I suggest that they contact the US distributor for full details.

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Anderson appeared just as stunned as everyone viewing the incident.

"I just can't stand to see anyone, and I mean anyone, double-teamed like that," Mr. Wrestling II explained. "Since that incident took place, the Andersons have seemed to have a change of heart. They are anxious to rid the world of Colt and Race and everyone like them. It's a change for the best."

By the way, Colt and Race are being "advised" by Bearcat Wright, who claims, "They'll win the Georgia tag team title very soon if they already haven't by the time your readers glance upon my words of wisdom."

Young Johnny Grey, a fellow countryman of Tony Garea, is driving 'em wild all over the South... Bobby Duncum and Killer Kowalski have joined forces and formed an unbelievably brutal duo. They're out for nothing but blood... Mighty Igor and Pampero Firpo teamed against The Sheik and John Tolos and it was one hell of a riotous brawl... "Beautiful" Bruce Swaysze has stopped managing for awhile and is raisin' hell in the South and the far east countries.

Mr. Fugi and Professor Tanaka doing well on their own since splitting to go in search of single titles... Bulldog Brower demanding a return clash against The Sheik in Toronto claiming, "I can beat him any day of the week with a fair referee in that ring..." Andre The Giant doing great on his current world-wide tour... Talk is heavy all over the East that two fan favorites, often tag team partners, are fed up with each other and a battle may erupt between the two any day now.

Besides claiming to be the "best

wrestler the world has ever seen," Blackjack Lanza now claims he's the "greatest wrestling announcer in the world. Recently, the cocky Lanza was given substitute duty on a televised wrestling hour. He announced, "Welcome to the Blackjack Lanza Hour," and boasted about himself during the matches and commercials. Now there's a guy with an ego problem!

Insiders and our spies tell us that promoters are busy working to sign



a match between Billy "Superstar" Graham and W.W.W.F. king Bruno Sammartino... Tex McKenzie still driving Texas rooters wild... Dos Caras, younger brother of Mil Mascaras and El Sicodelico, is a sure bet to win a major title soon... Mike and Eddie Graham teaming often again. They're favorites the world over.

Who is the mysterious masked Red Shadow who's been making a name for himself so quickly?... Lou Albano getting another charger ready to go after Bruno Sammartino. Lou refuses to name the man but claims,

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Blackjack Lanza (above) claims he is the world's greatest announcer! Mr. Wrestling II (left) saved Ole Anderson from certain doom. Mike and Ed Graham (below) are busy wiping out Gary Hart's henchmen.



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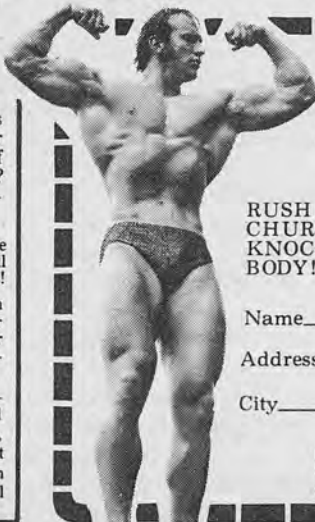
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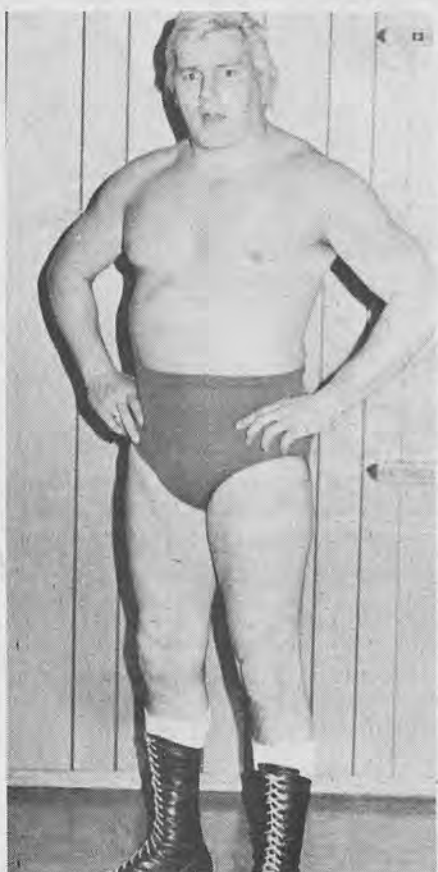
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REPORTS FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS



In a six-man tag team match, Pat Patterson (above left) got his licks in on Mr. Saito, Kenji Shibuya and Kurt Von Brauner. The doubleteaming one of Pat's partners saw them lose the nod. Rufus R. Jones (above right) almost destroyed Jerry Lawler.

CALIFORNIA REPORT By Larry Barnhizer

IN ONE OF the classic matches of all times, Pat Patterson teamed with Billy White Cloud and Peter Maivia to grapple against Kenji Shibuya, Mr. Saito, and Kurt Von Brauner. These six men generated more action than is usually seen in a month of matches!

From the opening moments it was a savage brawl with no regard for the rules. Peter Maivia quickly found himself double-teamed by Shibuya and Saito. Vicious judo and karate chops found their target — Peter's throat! Von Brauner then hurled Peter out of the ring. Maivia managed to return only to find himself the victim of Mr. Saito's Japanese claw hold.

Patterson went into action in the second fall, avenging his partner's torment. Pat's opponents were sent

flying from the ring by dropkicks. When Mr. Saito ventured back to the field of battle, Pat got him in an agonizing armlock which had Saito screaming his head off! Pat then tagged Peter who finished Saito with a sleeper hold.

In the third fall, Billy White Cloud almost singlehandedly pummeled all three opponents when a missed dropkick and double teaming sent Pat and Peter to his aid.

Ironically, while the referee hustled Pat and Peter back to their corner, Saito sneaked up behind White Cloud and leveled the Indian star with a brutal karate chop. Von Brauner had only to fall on the limp form of White Cloud to win the match.

In other action, Raul Mata grabbed the cane from Karl Von Brauner's manager, Gary Hart, and attacked his opponent. The referee had no choice but to disqualify Raul.

ALABAMA ACTION By Randy Blythe

When Jerry Lawler finally got to meet Rufus R. Jones, it was neither the time nor the place Lawler had expected. And the results were far from what he had hoped for.

Lawler expected to meet Rufus in the Huntsville arena. When he left the dressing room and headed for the ring, Lawler's eyes were filled with hatred. He stood angrily in his corner and waited for Jones to enter. For weeks Lawler had promised to end Jones' career, if not his life. This was to be the night of reckoning.

Jerry waited and waited but no Rufus. The fans' anticipation grew as Lawler's anger also grew. Finally, the promoter went to the dressing room to seek Rufus out. When he re-entered the arena, he announced that Jones was not to be found. He apologized to the fans, who disappointedly filed out towards the parking lot.

While most of the fans were still walking to their cars, Jones drove up. He explained excitedly to the promoter that his car had broken down on the way to the arena and he had been stranded. He demanded for his match against Lawler to take place.

The promoter was in the middle of explaining to the raging, unhappy Jones why that would be impossible when Rufus saw his enemy leaving the parking lot. Rufus went after Jerry right there in the parking lot!

The remaining fans stood in open-mouthed amazement while Rufus battered Lawler all over the lot. When they finally pulled Rufus off his victim, Jerry lay on the ground groaning from his bruises.

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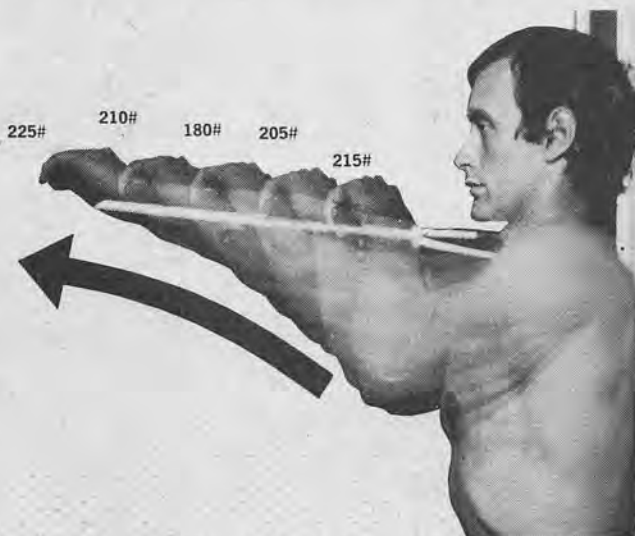
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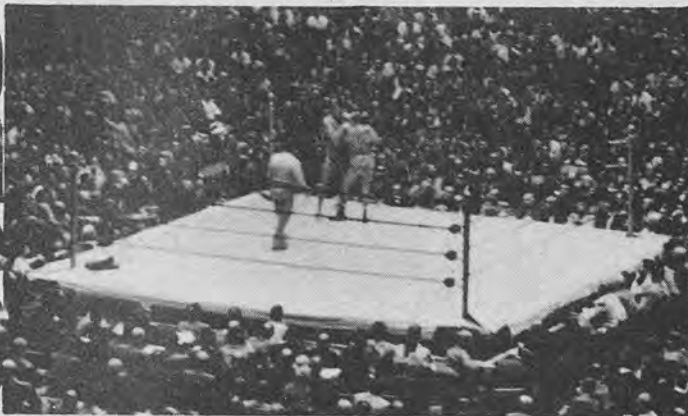
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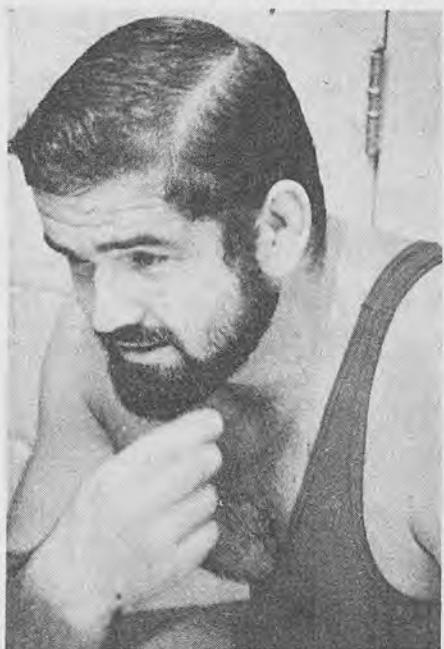
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YOUR LETTERS



So far the rumors about Tony Garea and Dean Ho (above) splitting have drawn a ton of protest mail. Also, heavy protest mail has come in squashing John Quinn's (below) claim to the N.W.A. title.



A PLEA TO TONY AND DEAN

In *THE WRESTLER*/December 1974, there appeared a rumor that Dean Ho and Tony Garea were contemplating splitting up.

Don't they realize if they do that it will be just what Lou Albano wants? He'll be thrilled at the idea that he might have had a part in the splitup of the greatest team. If one leaves, Albano would take it as running scared. In doing this, they would make Lou happy. Anyone in his right mind wouldn't want that.

As long as Tony and Dean are together, there's a chance they'll get their belts back. Then wrestling will again be what it should in the W.W.W.F. area.

JACQUI RENAUD
Haverhill, Mass.

HORSEFEATHERS

I realize *THE WRESTLER* has an obligation to report all the news and that's why I always buy the magazine. However, I must admit to being shocked at your printing John Quinn's claim to the N.W.A. title in the December 1974 issue.

Jack Brisco is without doubt the greatest champion ever! I've seen him wrestle many times and each time he's great. There'll always be jealous guys ready to knock a great man and Quinn is obviously one of those.

When all the shouting is over, Jack Brisco remains champion. He'll remain champion as long as he wants. Nothing John Quinn can say will change that!

VALERIE WINTERS
Atlanta, Ga.

SECOND THE MOTION

I'm writing in agreement with Joseph McKenna's suggestion in the letters column of *THE WRESTLER*/December 1974 that the W.W.W.F. areas repeal their ban of Dick the Bruiser.

Few men in wrestling have so radically changed their styles as has Bruiser. He deserves to be rewarded for his change of tactics by being reinstated by the W.W.W.F.

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VICTOR MARVIN
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For the past eight years, I have admired such wrestlers as Cyclone Negro, Big Bad John, Andre the Giant, and of course, world's champion Jack Brisco. Yet, the man I feel is the greatest is the "American Dream," Dusty Rhodes. (Continued on page 50)

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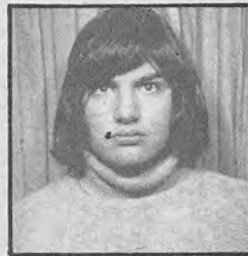
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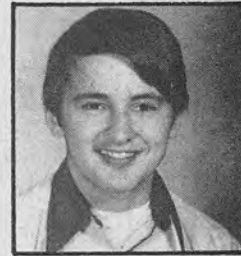
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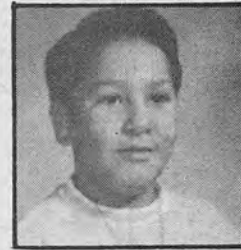
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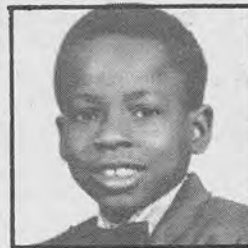
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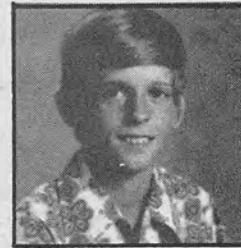
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Big Bad John chokes the life out of rookie Jerry Oates. John claims, "I could beat Man Mountain Mike, Andre The Giant and other men their size in a handicap match." Some boast, John!

Q: Is Big Bad John scared to wrestle the men the size of Man Mountain Mike?—Benny Yeargan, Greensboro, N.C.

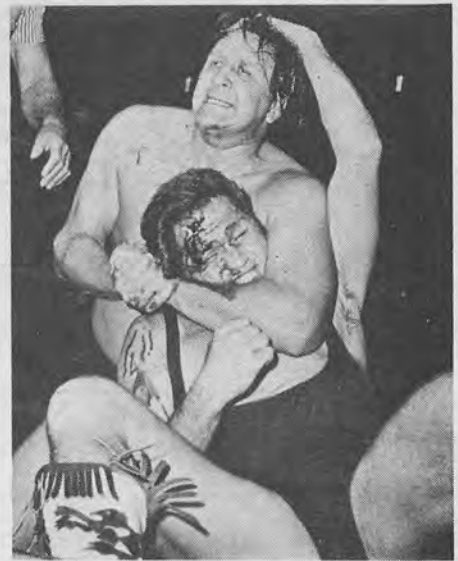
A: "Hell no!" John exclaimed. "I could take on Mike, Andre The Giant, Haystacks Calhoun and the McGuire twins in one match and still come out

the winner."

Q: What's happened to Professor Tanaka. Is he ever coming back East again?—John Mulhall, Cymbala, Pa.

A: Tanaka has joined the stable of "Playboy" Gary Hart and is going after Jack Brisco's N.W.A. title.

Q: Will "Handsome" Jimmy Val-



Danny Little Bear's tortured by veteran Bob "Big O" Orton, who's as active as he ever was.

iant ever wrestle Bruno Sammartino for the W.W.W.F. title?—Frank Culotto, Central Islip, N.Y.

A: Bruno is willing to wrestle any man the promoters want. Valiant claims, "Sammartino is chicken to wrestle me." A single match for the title? Valiant cops out by saying, "I'm too busy defending the tag team title."

Q: In the late '60's "The Big O," Bob Orton, wrestled around my area often. Is he still active?—Paul Dusenbury, Canton, Ohio.

A: He sure is. Bob is wrestling regularly in Missouri, Georgia and several other areas. And by now we're sure you know that his son "Little O," Bob Jr., is also a top notch wrestler.

Q: Does Killer Kowalski regret chopping off the late Yukon Eric's ears? — Peter Tempa, Jacksonville, Florida.

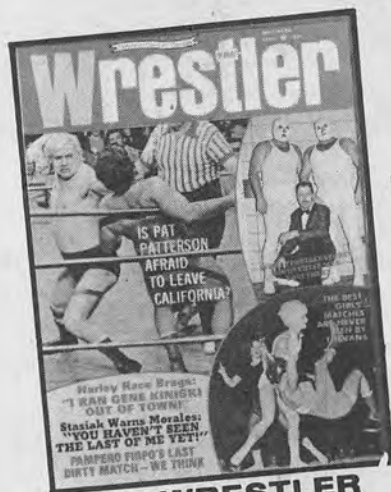
A: "I thought it was one of the funniest things I've ever done!" Killer exclaims hysterically when reminded of the incident.

Q: I've heard that Billy Graham might come east. If he does will he get a partner and wrestle against the Valiant Brothers? — Linda La Flamme, Malden, Mass.

A: "The Valiant Brothers are good friends of mine," Graham boasted. "I would not welcome a match against my good buddies. I'm also afraid that having so much male pulchritude in the ring at one time would give every normal woman a heart

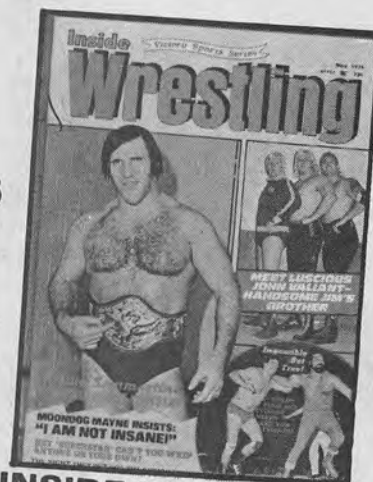
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IS CHIEF JAY STRONGBOW AFRAID TO LEAVE THE



Chief Jay Strongbow is a dedicated family man who knows travelling from home is a great hardship. He would much rather remain with his family and their pets than be jetting all over the United States.

FEW WRESTLERS in the sport's history have done more to earn a title shot than Chief Jay Strongbow. Yet others, far less deserving, have battled for the W.W.W.F. title while

Jay watches from the sidelines. In spite of this most terrible insult, Strongbow confines most of his activities to the W.W.W.F. East Coast area. WHY?

Never in recent memory has one athlete been so seemingly insulted by promoters for whom he has earned fabulous sums and risked his life. The greatest prize a professional wrestler can attain is being denied Jay, not by ability, but by promoter's whim.

Fans and promoters all over the world are clamoring for Strongbow to appear in their area, dangling title shots in front of him to make the move irresistible. But for rare appearances in Toronto and Detroit, the Chief has restricted his wrestling to the East Coast. His behavior has puzzled thousands all over country.

"The man makes no sense," one southwest promoter says, "and you can't bargain with a guy that makes no sense. I've offered everything but my wife and kids to get Strongbow down here, and I'd offer them if I thought it would change his mind. No luck. He's very polite, very kind. In the end, though, he smiles and says he'll just stay on the East Coast. I've even offered to bring an East Coast opponent down with him. Nothing works."

The promoter's unhappy experience is not unique. Promoters all over the country can tell stories of unsuccessful attempts to lure Strongbow away from the East Coast. Some of those promoters have not taken the rejection lightly. Unavoidably, Strongbow has angered some of the most important people in wrestling.

Jay regrets this circumstance but has not changed his mind. No one has been able to make him leave the area and some of the offers have been pretty fantastic.

Chief has hoped his staying in the East wouldn't become an issue. How-

Despite the absolute refusal of W.W.W.F. bigwigs to give Chief Jay Strongbow a title shot, the popular Indian remains on the East Coast. In this exclusive report, Strongbow candidly admits the reasons that have kept him glued to one part of the country

OW EAST?



Chief Jay Strongbow is more than content to stay in the W.W.W.F. area (right). Though he could earn more money and glory, he would rather enjoy home cooking and the company of Mary (above).

ever, Strongbow is far too famous for his strange behavior to go unquestioned. Reluctantly, he'll talk about his decision to stay in the East.

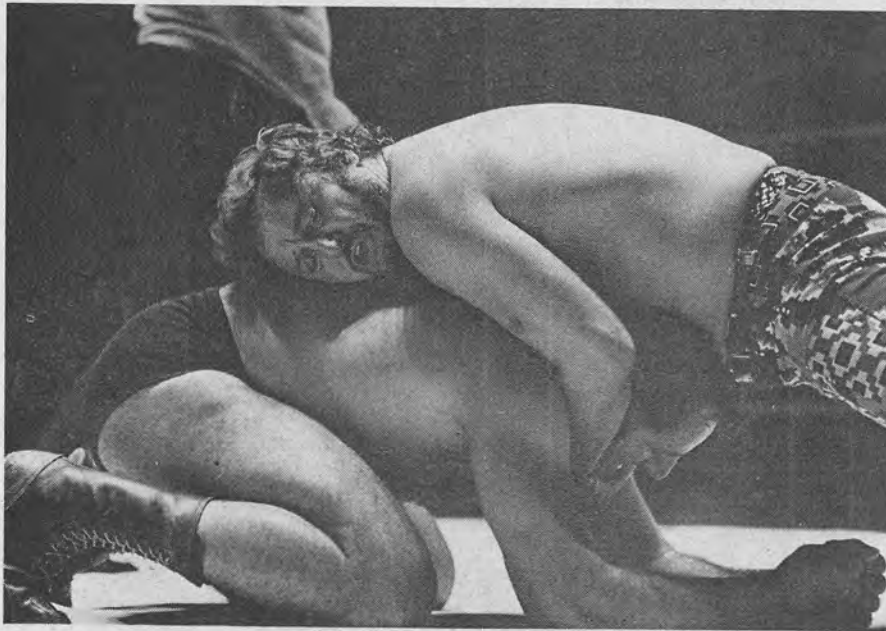
"Most important of all," Strongbow declares, "is that I like the East Coast. The fans here are special to me. My friends, inside and outside the sport, make my life better than I ever hoped possible. I've got everything I want here. No promoter has been able to offer me something I can't get on the East Coast. They may offer more—but I don't need more.

"Secondly, I don't like traveling all that much. It takes a certain kind of guy to spend much of his life on jets and being in different time zones. I'm not that kind of guy. If I accepted one promoter's offer, I'd have to accept

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WRESTLING'S MADCAP TAG TEAM



Tony Parisi takes it easy between falls (right), a stunt which is loved by fans but makes opponents very, very nervous. His partner, Dom Denucci, may be in trouble as he wrestles Reginald Love (above), but even in these circumstances, Dom claims, he's enjoying himself.



PERCHED ATOP THE corner ropes, Tony Parisi watched his tag team partner, Dominic Denucci, battle Hartford Love. Tony happily shouted congratulations and encouragement at the proper time. No spectator enjoyed himself as much as Tony.

When Dom came over to tag him, Tony stuck out his hand and said, "Gimme five!"

Dom slapped his partner's hand and replied, "I now make it possible for you to go out and seek Love!" meaning their opponents, the notorious Love Brothers.

Tony went and wrestled with a joyous verve rarely seen in the sport. No matter how brutal was the punishment being dished out, Parisi seemed happy to be in there wrestling. And while Dom worried about his tag team

partner's health, he seemed to know all would eventually turn out for the best.

Such exuberant confidence bothered the hell out of the Love Brothers. They're used to opponents hating them. When their opponents enjoy the match, the Love Brothers can't cope.

"What the hell's going on here?" Reginald asked his brother when he saw Tony sitting on the ropes. "These guys are like little kids at a carnival. We're the most hated guys in wrestling! Don't they know that?"

When brother Hartford returned to the corner after wrestling Tony, he exclaimed, "I did some of the dirtiest stuff I know. Look at the guy. He's still smiling!"

"Those guys are crazier than we are!" Reginald said, horrified that

such a possibility could exist.

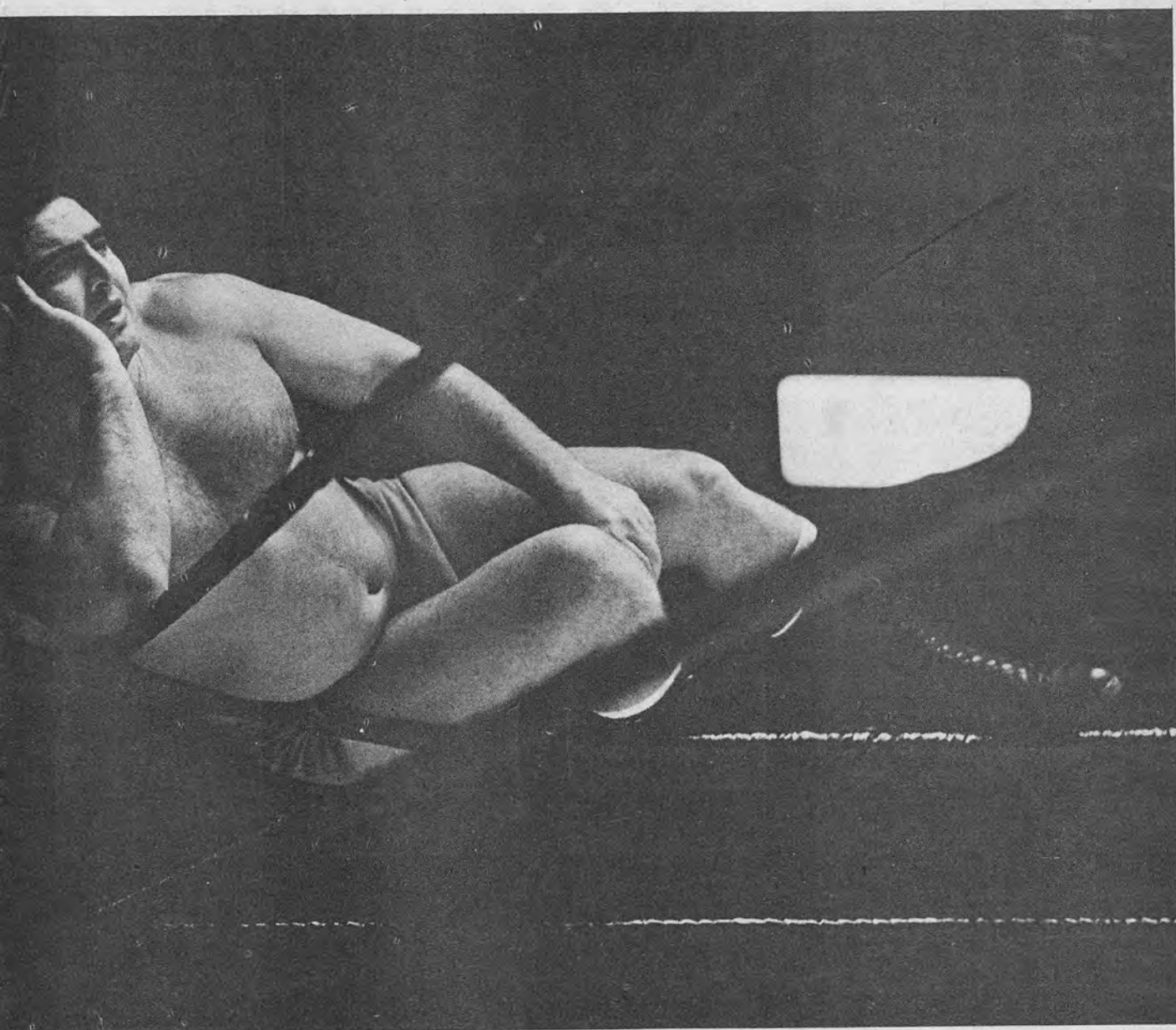
For the remainder of the match, the feared Love Brothers were overwhelmed by the exuberant Parisi and Denucci. The Loves pulled out all the stops but no tactics could make Denucci or Parisi stop enjoying the action. Finally, the Loves, confounded and confused, angrily stormed back to their dressing room.

"You guys are out of your minds!" Reginald screamed over his shoulder while departing.

Later, in the dressing room, Tony told Dom, "If Reginald Love thinks you're crazy, then either you're very, very sane . . ."

"Or very, very crazy!" Dom finished as both men broke up laughing.

Dom Denucci and Tony Parisi are quickly becoming known as wrestling's madcap tag team. It's a title



Professional wrestling is a deadly serious business. Most of the time. But Dominic Denucci and Tony Parisi can't see why they shouldn't enjoy their matches as well as win them

PHOTOS BY BOB BISHOP

both men regard with mixed feelings. "We take our wrestling seriously," Dom explains, "and winning is very important. I wouldn't jeopardize a match for a laugh. I'm a professional and expect to earn my money to the best of my ability."

"At the same time, I'm not one of those guys for whom winning is *everything*. Sports are meant to be enjoyed and I love wrestling. I'm having a great time in that ring. There's nothing

wrong with showing that, as far as I'm concerned."

"I think to be a professional athlete," Tony adds, "you have to have a certain sense of fun. You either suppress this and show the world how serious you are about the sport or you show this side of yourself. We feel a sense of fun is to be enjoyed."

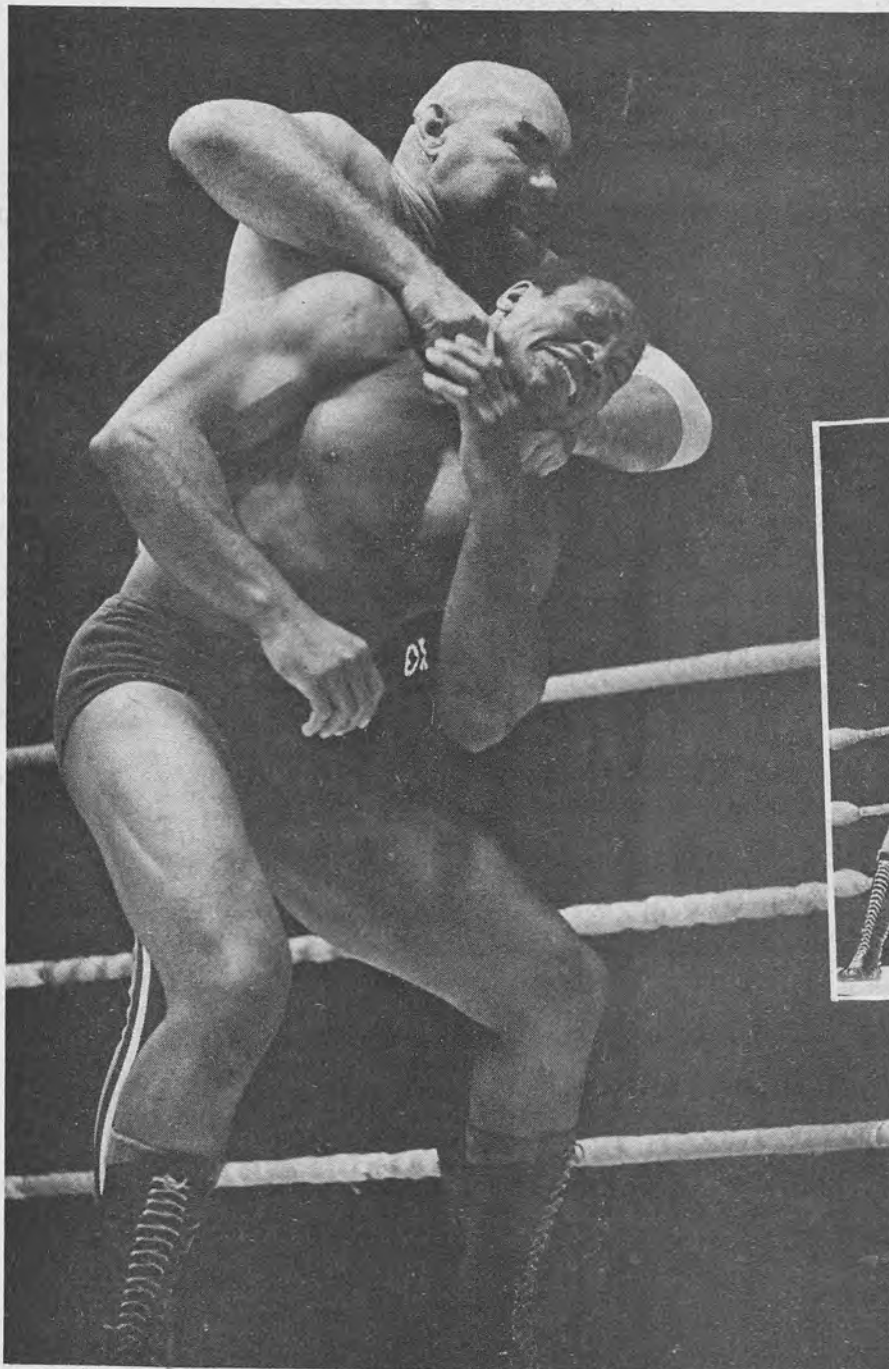
And enjoy themselves Parisi and Denucci do. They refuse to take their opponents too seriously.

"Maybe it's an odd form of conceit," Tony says in a rare reflective mood. "I've often wondered why the two of us are so different from most tag teams. Could it be we subconsciously consider ourselves so much better than anyone else that we don't have to be solemn about the matches? I really can't say."

Both men agree that without the other their madcap style would never
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WRESTLING'S UNDERRATED STRONGMAN

PHOTOS BY STEVE GOLDSTEIN



WHEN WRESTLERS DISCUSS raw strength, Sailor Art Thomas' name figures prominently in every conversation.

His perfectly proportioned physique houses enormous power. His developed, taut muscles can respond satisfactorily to any task. He takes excellent care of his body, which in turn takes excellent care of him.

Others wrestlers are in plentiful attendance when Art wrestles. Some watch Art with fear, some with loathing, some with unconcealed admiration. If one has to contemplate grappling against Art's enormous power, watching him can be a very unpleasant experience.

"Watch how the other wrestler tries to cope with Art," his friend, Bobo Brazil, instructed during Thomas' match against Ox Baker. "That's how you can tell a wrestler's worth. If he's a good oppo-



Left: The powerfully developed neck muscles of Thomas frustrate Baker's chokehold. Above: Art almost crushes Baker's skull in an awesomely powerful headlock.

Strength isn't everything. But if you're as strong as Sailor Art Thomas it's just about all you need

nent, he'll do certain proven counter maneuvers. When the obvious ones don't work, and the opponent is reduced to risky maneuvers, then you know he's having trouble coping. When men wrestle Art, they have to do a lot of risky things. Other wrestlers see this and it makes them worry. We all know how badly the struggling guy feels.

"I've seen guys panic just looking

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PHOTOS BY TERRANCE MACHALEK

**Larry Hennig obeying
the rules? Before
you say it's
ridiculous
—read this!**

THE STARTLING CHANGE in Larry Hennig has had many people wondering.

"What happened to him?"

"I actually like him now."

"I liked him better when he was mean."

Fans are wondering out loud about the sudden change in this one-time bad boy of the mat.

The question is inevitable. Why? Why did Larry Hennig turn good? People have speculated about the answer.

"He must have met a good woman," one fan was overheard saying.

"He's just grown up," another offered.

"He fell off a ladder and had a concussion and can't remember who he is," said another fan.

One even offered that Hennig was under psychoanalysis.

The explanations get more complicated with each attempt to understand the man. But actually his reason is quite simple.

"I couldn't stand myself anymore. I'd wake up in the morning and ask myself, 'Why? Why do I even bother?'"

"My life became a total waste. My friends ignored me.

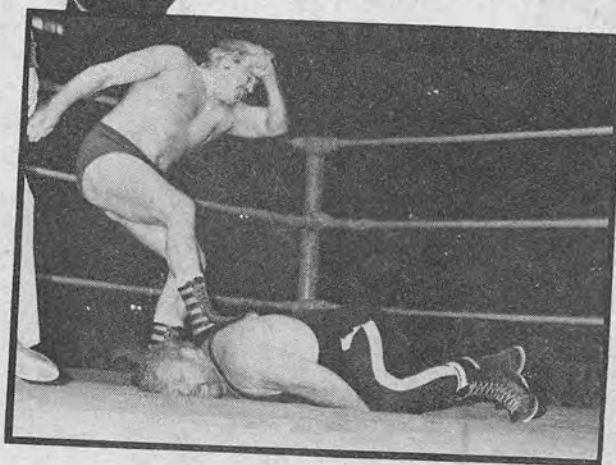
It all came down to me. It was my decision.

"I had to change. But it was hard. It took some time. It didn't happen overnight. It's hard to break old habits, you know."

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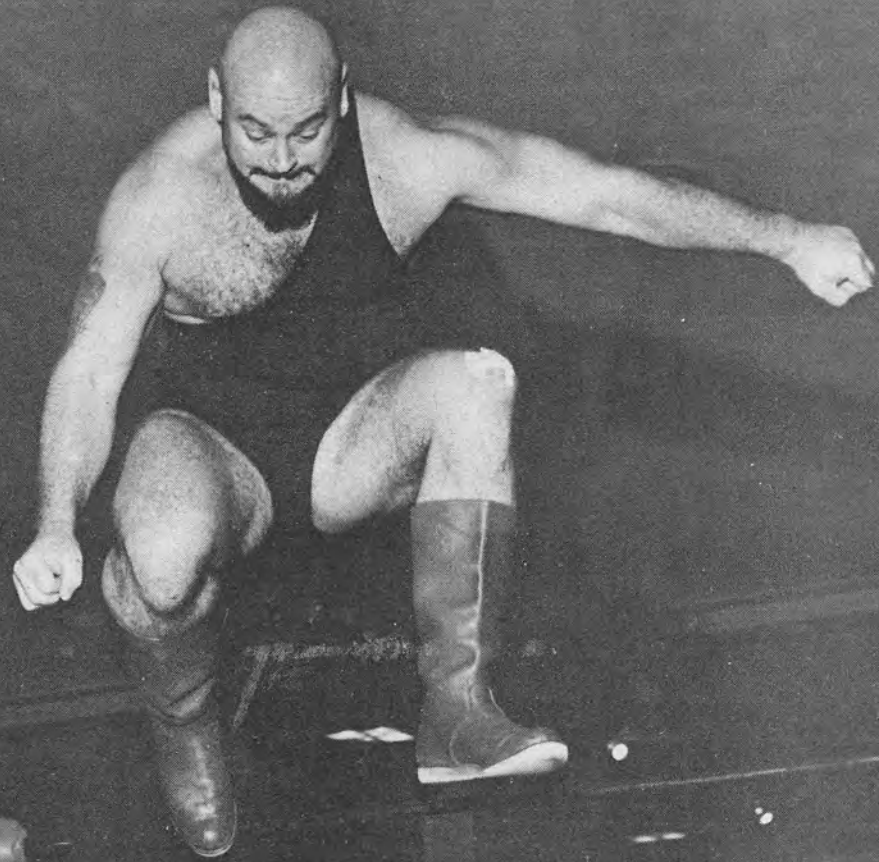


Larry Hennig (left) is a new man! In his match against Buddy Wolff (above and below) he is changed!

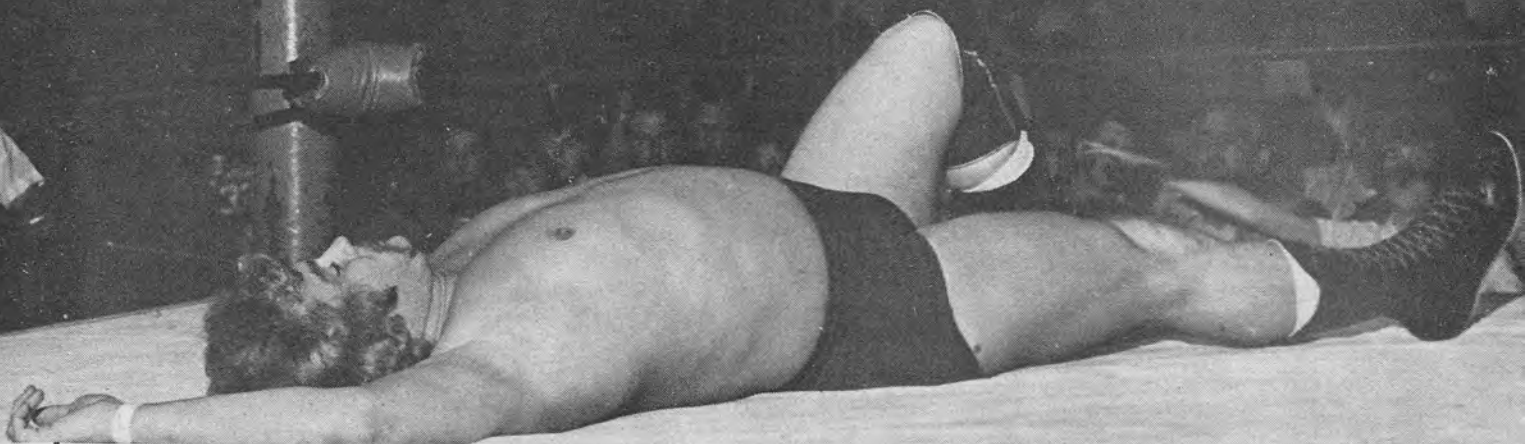


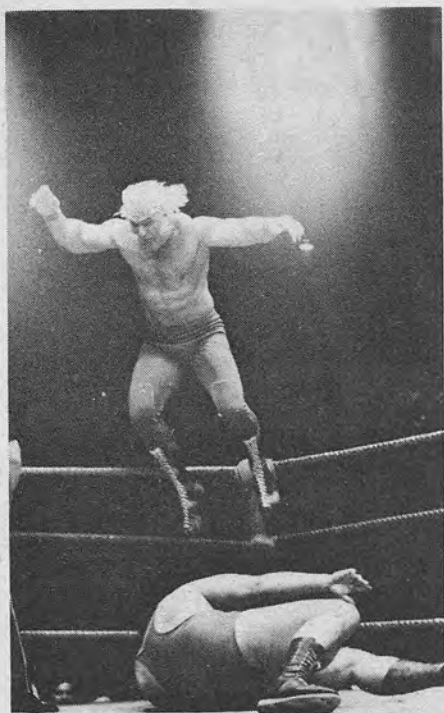
THE STARTLING CHANGE IN LARRY HENNIG!

Wrestlers have been fined and disqualified for jumping off the top rope. It hasn't stopped them yet. It's doubtful anything can



**IS THERE NO WAY
TO STOP THIS?**





Billy "Superstar" Graham tries to break Ken Patera's back by jumping off the ropes (above). "I spit on a fine!" says Billy.

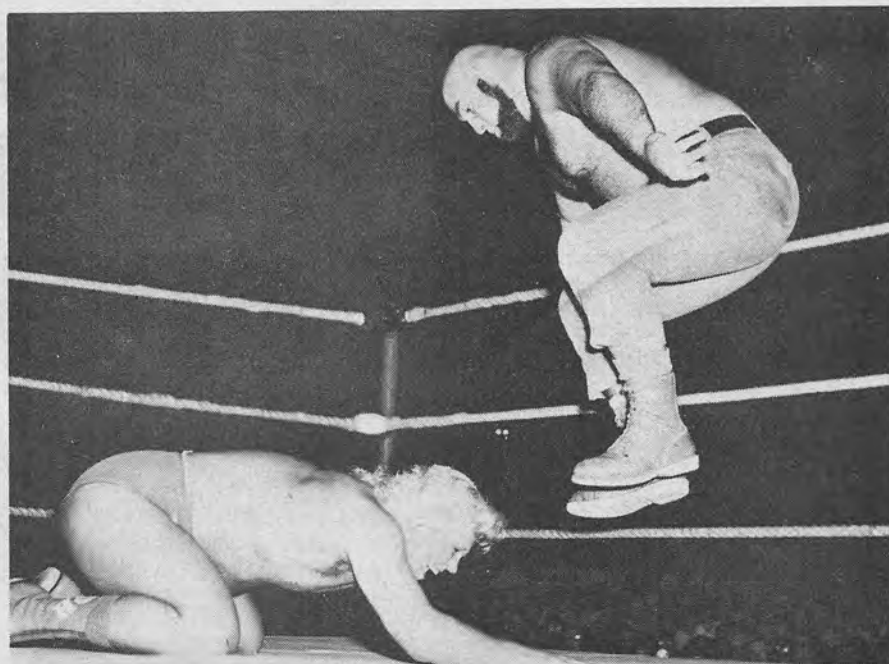
THE ILLEGAL PRACTICE of jumping off the top rope has come under much scrutiny of late. Simply declaring it illegal has obviously not deterred certain wrestlers from this dangerous tactic. The question is what can be done to stop today's wrestlers from engaging in this practice?

Perhaps the \$500 fine to be levied against offenders will do the trick. Some agree. Some disagree. Most states have adopted the fine in an effort to finally put an end to top rope massacres.

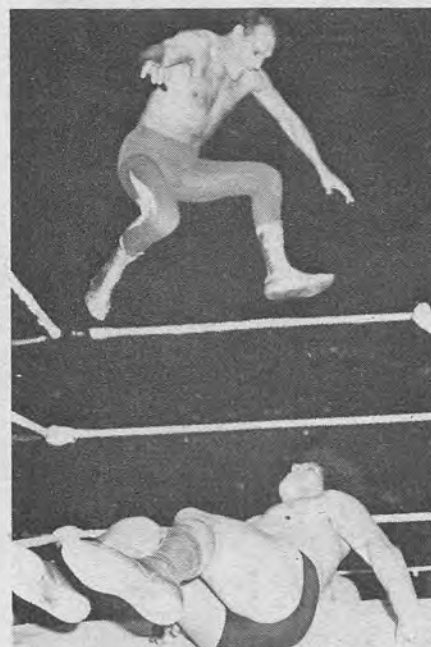
Quite a few wrestlers will be hurt by this new ruling. Men such as Killer Kowalski, "Killer" Karl Kox, Ivan Koloff, Billy Graham, and other's livelihood often depends on this now illegal practice.

"They're taking away my bread and butter," said Kowalski. "Who the hell do they think they are? What are they afraid of?"

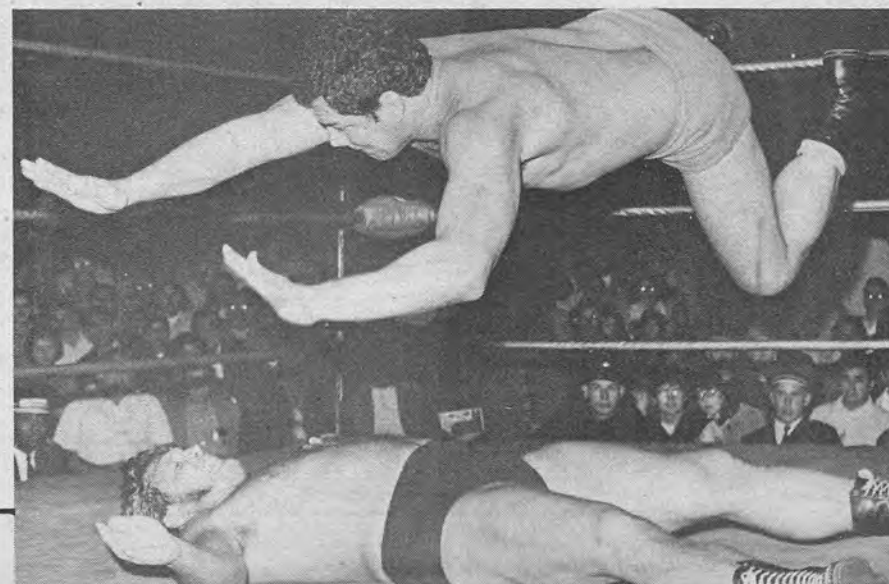
Others reacted more violently. The infamous Billy Graham had this to say. "The hell with them. No money's gonna stop me from doing my thing in the ring. I spit on \$500. It'll take more than a lousy fine to stop me from wrestling the way I want." (Continued on page 47)



Above: Joe LeDuc almost crushes Dale Roberts' fingers as he leaps from the ropes. Left: Killer Kowalski sails down onto his victim, Andre the Giant.



Above: Johnny Fargo aims for Raymond Rougeau's neck, hoping to break it! Below: Pantera Negra leaps onto Professor Dale Lewis, proving not only villains use the ropes to batter victims.



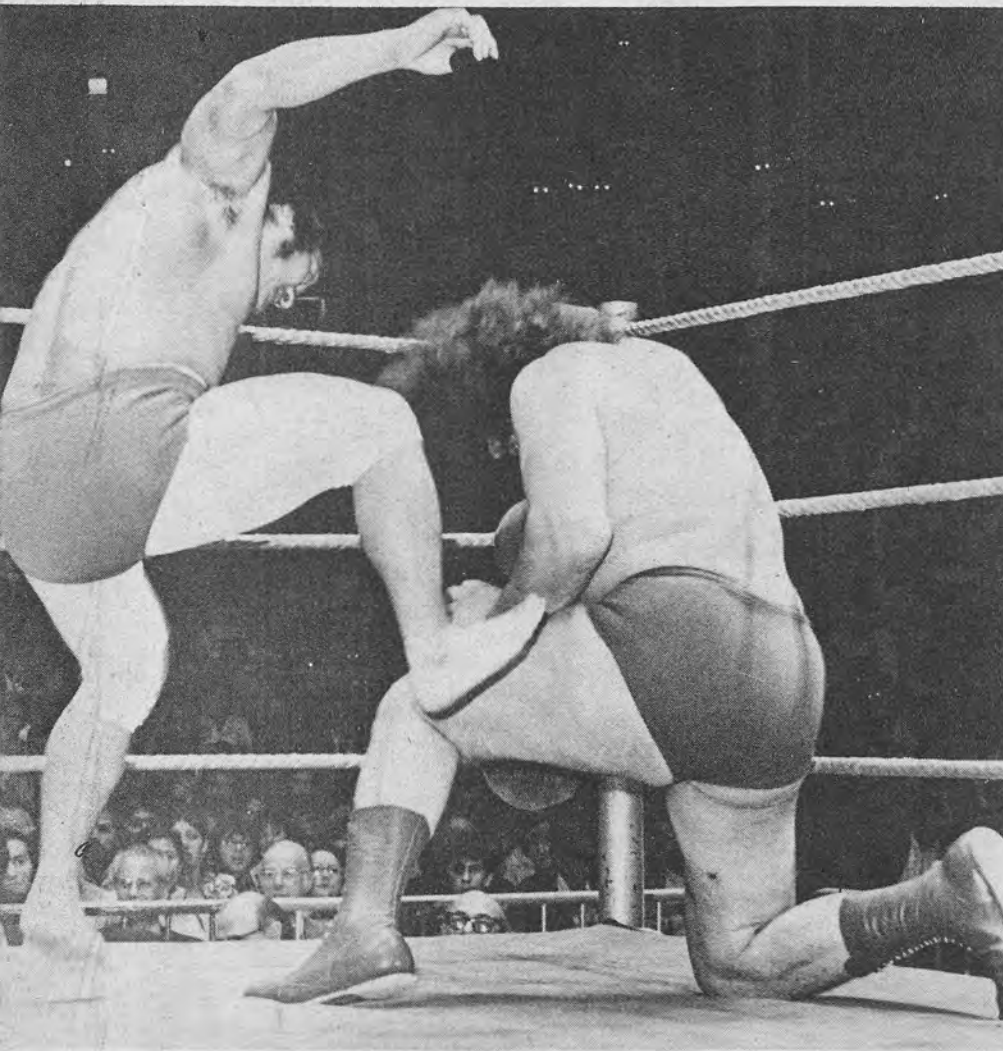
"WE'VE DISCOVERED ANDRE THE GIANT'S WEAK SPOT!!!"

KILLER KOWALSKI WAS in an excitedly happy frame of mind as he sat in the dressing room some 45 minutes before the scheduled tag team match which would send he and Strong Kobayashi against Andre The Giant and Victor Rivera.

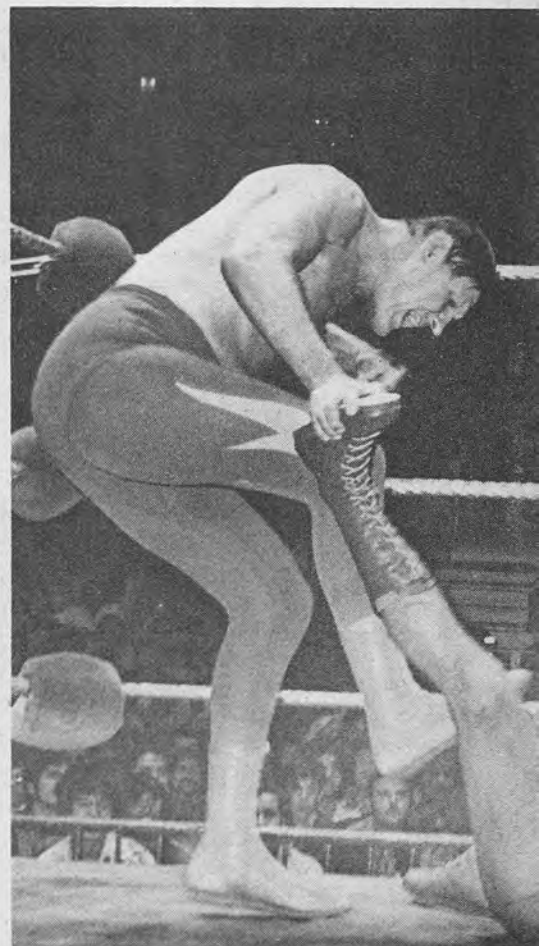
Smiles creased the faces of Kowalski and Kobayashi where fierce determination would normally be

found. Even the Grand Wizard, manager of Kowalski, and Freddie Blassie, handler of Strong Kobayashi, were in good moods. Everyone, in fact, seemed to bubble over with confidence.

"I'm glad you're here tonight," the Grand Wizard blurted out happily as this reporter entered the dressing room. "You will be sitting in on history. You will be watching the ultimate downfall and destruction of that sideshow freak Andre The Giant! And do you know who will be responsible? These two gentlemen over here. Mr. Kowalski and Mr. Kobay-



Above: An enraged Kobayashi lashes karate kicks into Andre's thigh in the hopes of crippling the giant. Somehow, despite his intense agony, Andre manages to remain on his knees. It is an astonishing exhibition of human courage. Right: Kowalski and Kobayashi gang up on Andre's partner, Victor Rivera, and brutally stomp their victim.



The question of how to defeat Andre The Giant has kept opponents awake nights. However, the combined talents of four men came up with an answer. Whether it was the right answer or not is open to debate

ashi.

"And do you know why Mr. Blassie and myself are so confident? Do you? Well I'll tell you, dolt! We've discovered Andre The Giant's weak spot! That's right! We know how to beat that circus freak! And Mr. Blassie and my champions, Killer Kowalski and Strong Kobayashi, will be the executioners!"

The Wizard and Blassie chuckled gleefully as Kowalski and Kobayashi nodded in agreement. Kowalski, usually tense and uncooperative before an important match, signalled that he'd be happy to talk further.

"What I tell you must remain here," he said. "I want you to remain in this dressing room until the match begins so you don't go telling those other two what we plan to do."

Once agreement was reached upon

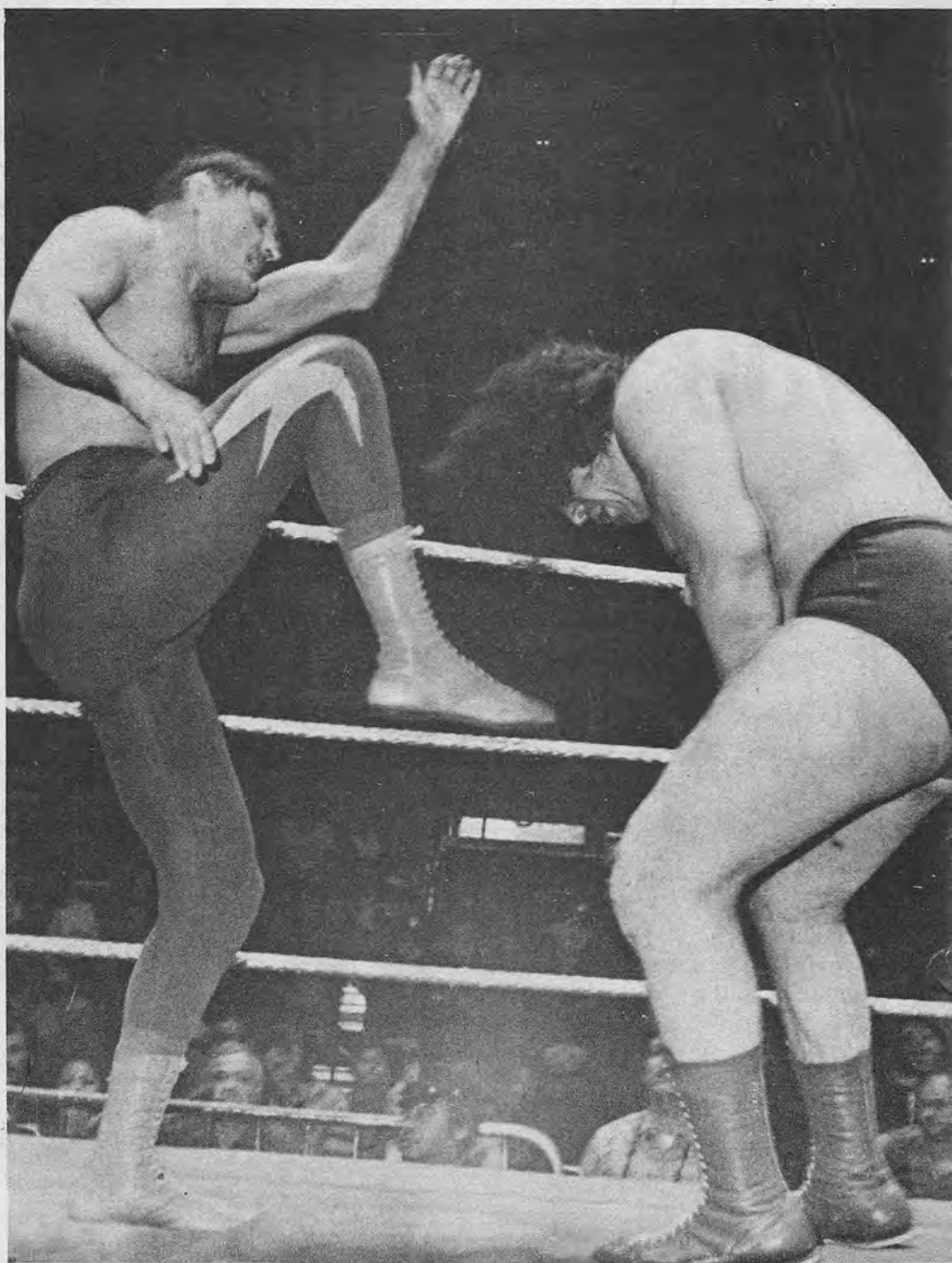
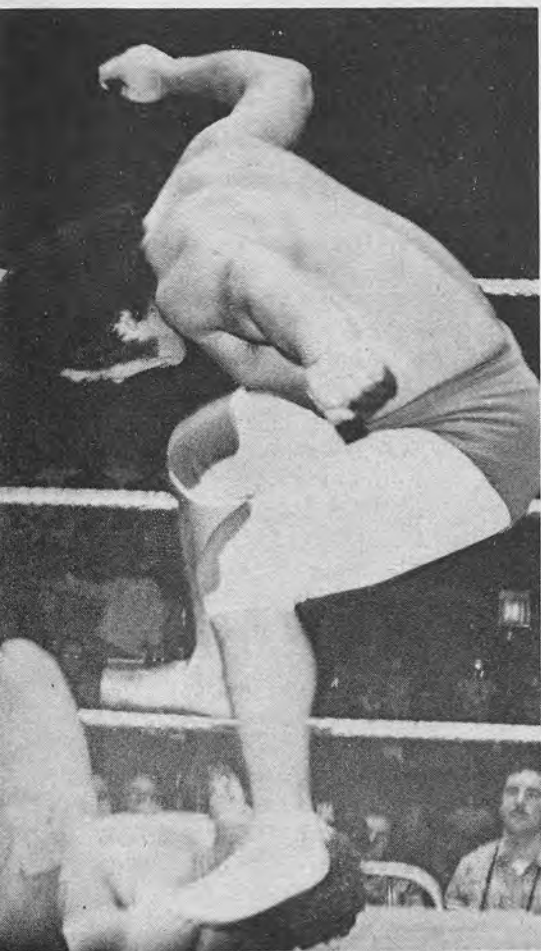
this Kowalski continued.

"The Grand Wizard, Mr. Blassie, Strong Kobayashi and myself were studying films of the Giant in preparation for this match. One constant ran through all the films. The only

time the Giant was in trouble was when he got knocked off his feet.

"Let me explain. We all know that big stiff can't wrestle. The only thing he has going for him is his size.

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Killer Kowalski mercilessly wallops a kick right into Andre the Giant's groin! This unforgiveable maneuver was even more horrible because it wasn't done on the spur of the moment but had been planned!

FLASHBACK SPECIAL!

THINK TODAY'S MATCHES ARE WILD? YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHING YET!!!

The next time it seems wrestling matches are getting out of hand, remember the 1930's and '40's—when things REALLY were wild!

MANY FANS HAVE written letters complaining that wrestling is getting too wild—too way out.

They've argued that things like chain matches, death matches, cage matches, strap matches, etc., have cheapened the sport. From time to time THE WRESTLER and INSIDE WRESTLING have pointed out similar problems affecting wrestling.

But if you think wrestling today is weird—you ain't seen nothin' yet!

Quite by accident, one of our staffers stumbled across a bunch of pictures that go back as far as the 1930's. And these photos prove today's promoters have nothing on the promoters of decades ago as

far as imagination and ingenuity are concerned.

You're all, no doubt, familiar with the popular Battle Royal-type matches being seen all over the country. The Battle Royal, we believed, was a relatively new phenomenon. But it turns out there were Battle Royals as far back as 1941!

Were they as wild as today's affairs?

Wilder!!!

They didn't have just plain old Battle Royals. Nope. In 1941, Lake Worth, Florida was the scene of a "Molasses Battle Royal!" And just to make it interesting—feathers were added to boot!

A mat, especially constructed so that the edges on all sides rose up

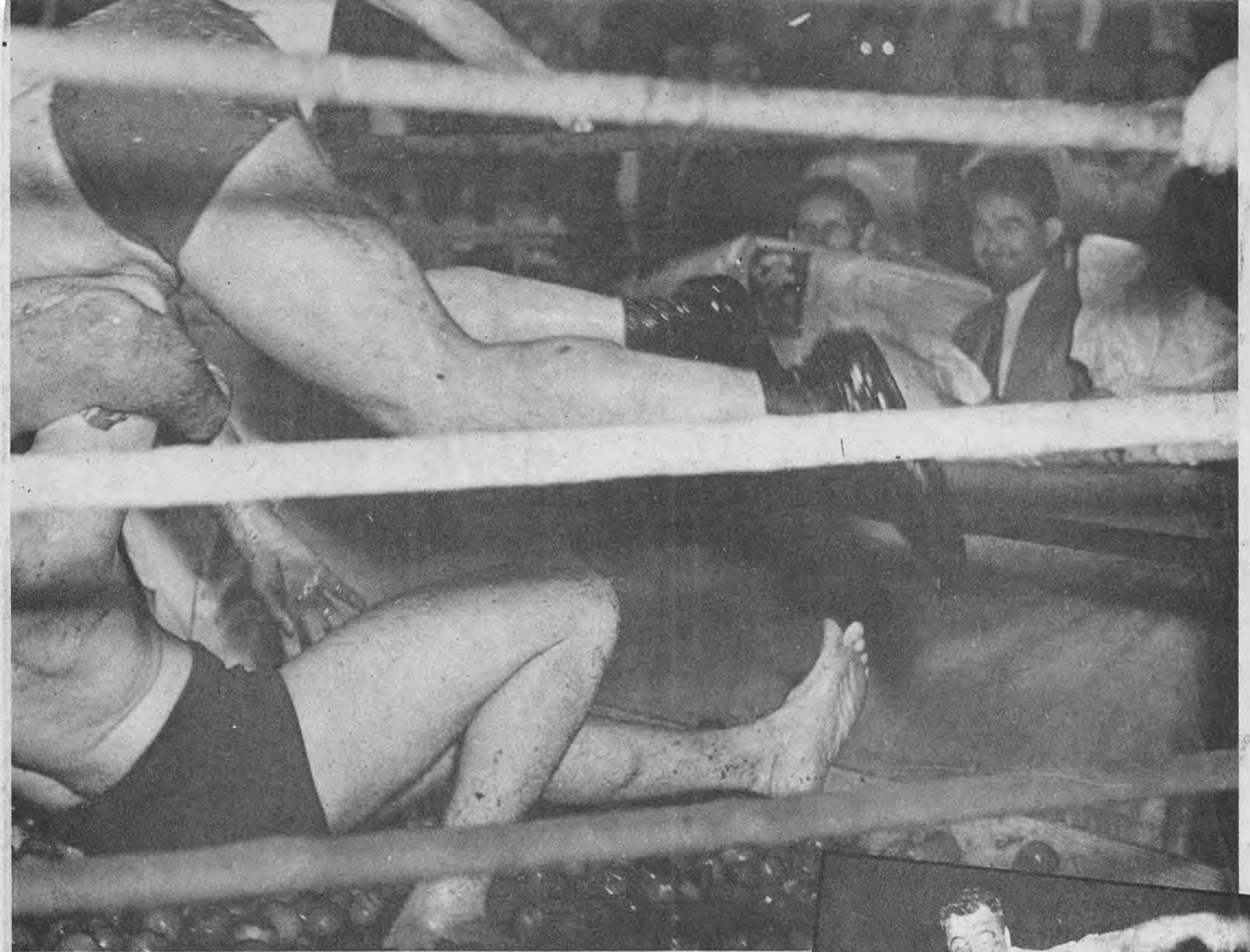
about a foot high, was filled with gooey, sticky, yucky molasses. The mat had to be raised around the edges so the molasses wouldn't run off the sides. Therefore, it resembled a one-foot-deep swimming pool.

Once the mat was filled with molasses, each wrestler (in this particular "Molasses Royal" there were 12) was given a pillow case filled with feathers. The idea, of course, was to get your opponent into the molasses and then bomb him with the feathers. You had to get him full of molasses first, otherwise the feathers wouldn't stick.

So picture the scene. A dozen wrestlers, each equipped with a pillowcase full of feathers, slipping and sliding on a one foot bed of gooey molasses. Normal Battle Royal rules prevailed, with the one exception that you could pin an opponent—if you didn't drown him!

Well, after his 11 opponents had been covered with molasses and feathers (including the referee)





and thrown out of the ring, Wild Bill Ludlow stood in the gooey glop with his hand raised by referee Al Ritchie. Ludlow was the first "Molasses Royal" champion in history!

The "Molasses Battle Royal" was not the only such weird match to entertain Lake Worth fans nor was it the first. A year before, a smaller scale Battle Royal (six wrestlers) was featured in the first "Tomato Bowl," a Battle Royal in which the ring was filled to a depth of one foot with ripe, gushy tomatoes!

It took a *ton* of tomatoes to fill the ring to the one foot depth. By the time it ended, the six grapplers were wearing most of the tomatoes. The only rule change for this one was that throwing of tomatoes was not allowed, because of the possibility of injuring a ringside customer. But that didn't mean a grappler couldn't sneak up behind another and smash a ripe, juicy tomato into his face. And

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Juicy, ripe tomatoes—a ton of them—serve as the mat as a pair of grapplers go at it in Lake Worth, Fla. "Tomato Bowl" back in 1940.



Now these are what we'd consider a pair of dirty wrestlers (above) as Tiger Multhabet and Bulldog Lanier grapple in six inches of luscious blueberries. Left: When a grappler gets backflipped—what a splash!



To make sure there's enough mud for the mudmatch between Sandor Szabo and Bhu Pinder, attendants (above) water the ring. Szabo (right) pitches in.



Prince Bhu Pinder congratulates Sandor Szabo (above) after their mud marathon. Szabo looks down as if to say "Is that what we rolled in?" Yup. Twelve tons of it! Left: Joe Reno and Roughhouse Ross proclaim victory after a tag team "Ice Cream Match" in which they grappled on 250 gallons of the gooey stuff. Wonder who had to clean it up?

that's exactly what happened!

If it looks like Lake Worth, Florida had a monopoly on weird matches, it isn't the case. In fact, the idea that spurred the tomato and molasses matches in Lake Worth might have come from the small town of Manistique, Michigan.

Back in 1939, the good people of

Manistique decided to hold the very first Manistique Blueberry Festival. And what better way to publicize such an event than with a wrestling match—on a half-inch thick bed of blueberries!

It was an outdoor show and no ring was used. Instead, a pit was dug and filled with a half-inch of luscious blueberries. No Battle

Royal, this match pitted only two wrestlers—Tiger Multhabet and Bulldog Lanier—against each other. But before long the two grapplers decided the referee was remaining entirely too clean—so they teamed up to roll him around in the purplish mess as well.

But just as Lake Worth might have used Manistique's Blueberry



Bhui Pinder sends Gus Sonnenberg plunging into a sea of mud during a 1937 "Hindu Style" mud match. Left: That's 360-pound Harry Jacobs squooshing 465-pound Jumbo Kennedy into the mud during a 1937 "heavies" match in a sea of gooey mud.



Just about all you can see are Sandor Szabo's eyes (above) as he holds Bhui Pinder in a headlock. Right: Attendants pour 250 gallons of strawberry, vanilla and chocolate ice cream.



Festival for inspiration, there's a good chance Manistique merely came up with a different version of an event that took place in Minneapolis, Minnesota only one year earlier.

For it was in Minneapolis that on September 1, 1938, Joe Reno and Roughhouse Ross met to do battle in a ring filled with 250 gallons

of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream!

Yes, ice cream! And since it wasn't too frozen to begin with, by the time Reno and Ross got through literally swimming around in it they were covered from head to toe—as if they'd been dumped into a vat of custard. When the referee lost his balance in the slippery

ice cream, he belly-flopped right into it and was completely submerged. Luckily for him, Ross and Reno stopped their match long enough to locate him and pull him up!

Ice cream... blueberries... tomatoes... they're all wild and they all seem to be a lot of fun. But even

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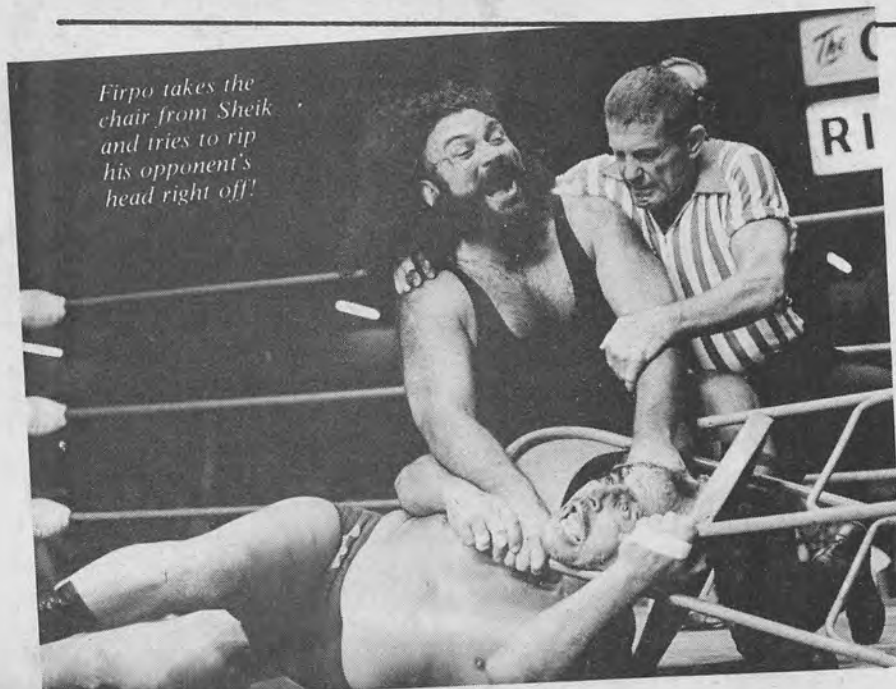
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THE VERY PRESENCE of Pampero Firpo is a galling insult to The Sheik. "The Great Pampero" is the only man who can legitimately claim to walk into a match against The Sheik and be absolutely fearless!

Of course, to fearlessly walk into a match against The Sheik, a man has to be a wildman himself. It's only common sense to fear a man who can slash, tear, and even burn your flesh. A professional wrestler

The Sheik is a terrifying wrestler. Yet one man has consistently stood up to him—and on occasion nearly killed him—for a number of years. He knows he is unafraid of The Sheik. And The Sheik knows it too!



Firpo takes the chair from Sheik and tries to rip his opponent's head right off!

can ignore fear or even burn your flesh. A professional wrestler can ignore fear or even make it work for him. Yet the fear exists. It's only natural and unavoidable for a thinking, feeling human being.

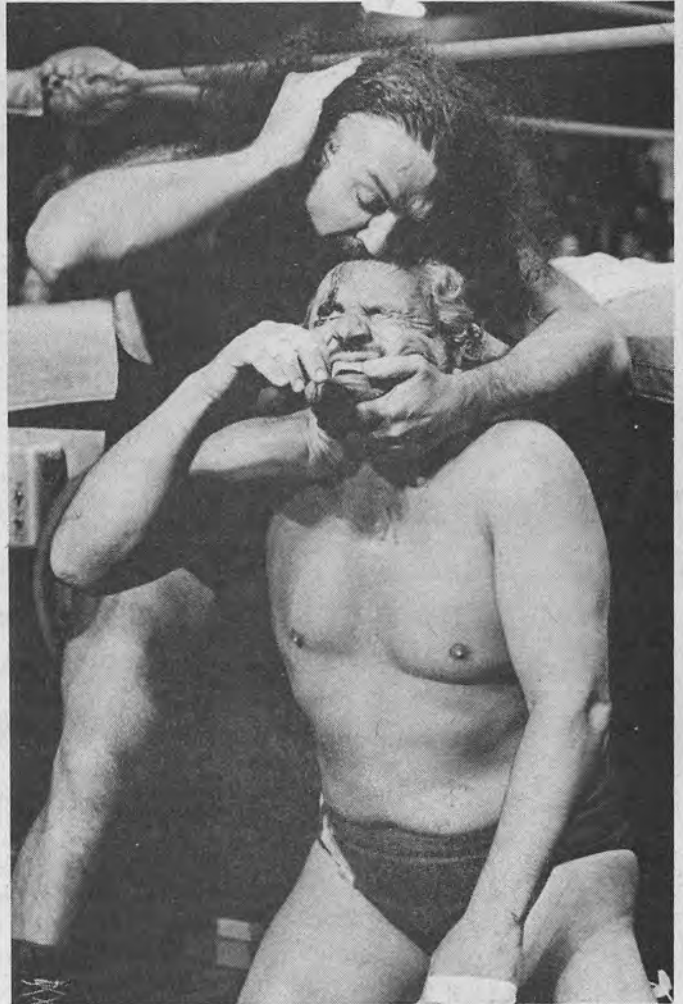
However, Pampero has rarely been accused of being a thinking human being. Firpo's savage stunts have made thousands of wrestlers all over the world involuntarily shudder at the mention of his name. He, like The Sheik, knows no limits. And as long as Firpo remains a professional wrestler, Sheik can't say everyone in the sport fears him! And when one man isn't afraid, others are likely to follow his example. To Sheik, that situation is intolerable.

Pampero Firpo Says...

ONLY MAN WHO STROY THE SHEIK!"



Above: Sheik goes for the chair after the referee pulls Firpo off him. Left: It's a badly bleeding Sheik who tries to regain his senses to keep on with the savage battle. Right: Firpo shows Sheik why teeth can be as cruelly effective as a sharp knife.



So Sheik has made it his top priority to drive Pampero Firpo out of wrestling. He'll go anywhere and do anything for the chance of ending the Argentinian wrestler's career. Where Pampero goes, Sheik will follow—with murder in his heart!

Pampero claims not to care about Sheik's proclaimed crusade to de-

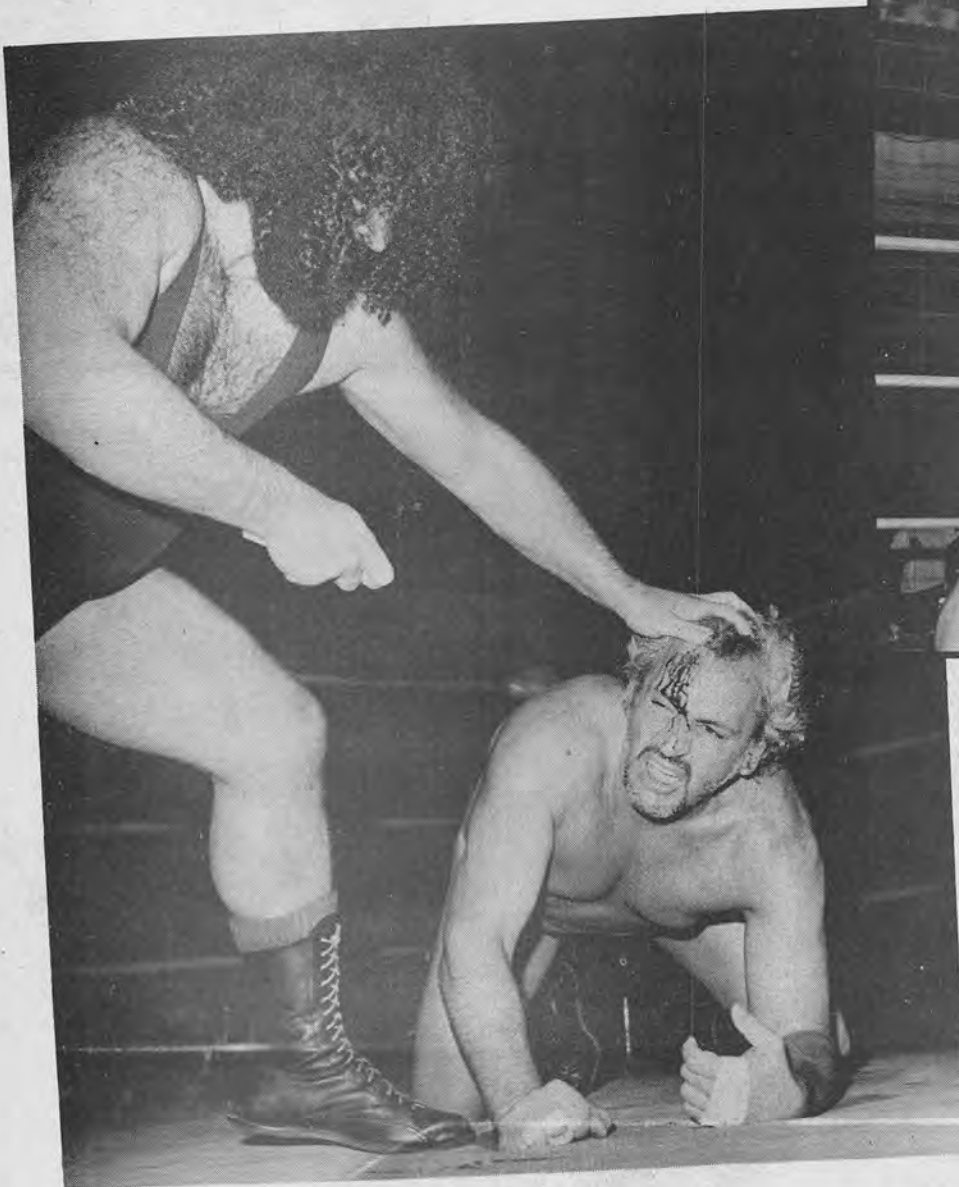
stroy him. Listening to him rave, it seems unbelievable any man can care so little for physical safety.

"De sticks and stones can break my bones," Pampero realizes, "but my bones have been broken before. Dat doesn't worry 'De Great Pampero.' Wid one arm, one leg, losing quarts of blood, I can still beat any man alive. Sheik dose not

scare me. Noteeng he can do weel ever hurt me too much. I am too good to be hurt."

Still, many great wrestlers admit to a *controllable* fear when they face Sheik. After all, who can not be afraid when remembering the horrible scene of so many wrestlers being carried out on stretchers, their faces of hideous masses of

Right: Firpo chokes the badly bleeding Sheik during the cage match, hoping to make the Arab lose consciousness. Below: Firpo has taken Sheik's foreign object and is savagely opening deep gashes on his opponent's forehead!



burnt flesh.

"I know no fear," Firpo states emphatically, "I am 'De Great Pampero.' I scare everyone. No one scares me."

Try arguing with that statement. Firpo is simply too crazy to be scared of anything. And Sheik is sane enough to be worried about what a crazy but great wrestler can do to his reputation.

Even Eddie Creatchman isn't his usual confident self when discussing Pampero. Firpo. Eddie, Sheik's manager, will usually shout to the rafters about how Sheik will tear his opponent into little pieces. For the first time, Creatchman

sounds more angry than confident. After all, Firpo is endangering the livelihood of Sheik, which endangers the livelihood of Creatchman.

"Sheik will destroy Firpo," Creatchman says tersely, then his voice builds to a shout as he screams, "Firpo has too long pretended to be afraid of Sheik! Once and for all, in the most brutal match of his career, Sheik will kill him. We hate Firpo! We hate Firpo! We hate Firpo! Sheik'll kill Firpo!"

When the two met in a match, the explosion produced was like two worlds colliding. The ring wasn't big enough to contain all the furious action. The arena was almost too

small to house the titanic struggle!

Within the first minute, Sheik lashed out at Firpo's head with his pencil. The foreign object whizzed through the air, missing Pampero's head by a fraction of an inch. Instead of making Pampero terrified, it outraged the Argentinian.

With a glint in his eye so maniacal as to be able to be seen from the top rows, Pampero leaped at his foe. His hands grabbed for Sheik's wrist, hoping to stop the dangerous slashing.

Pampero succeeded with a swift motion in which he grabbed the wrist and twisted mightily, forcing Sheik's hand to release the weapon. Once it fell to the canvas, Firpo pounced on it. Now he was armed and Sheik had to defend himself.

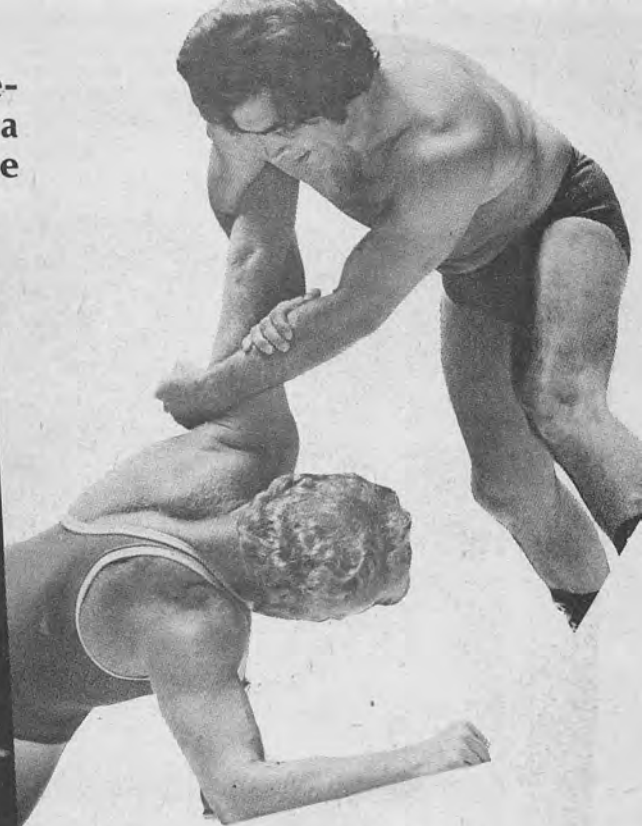
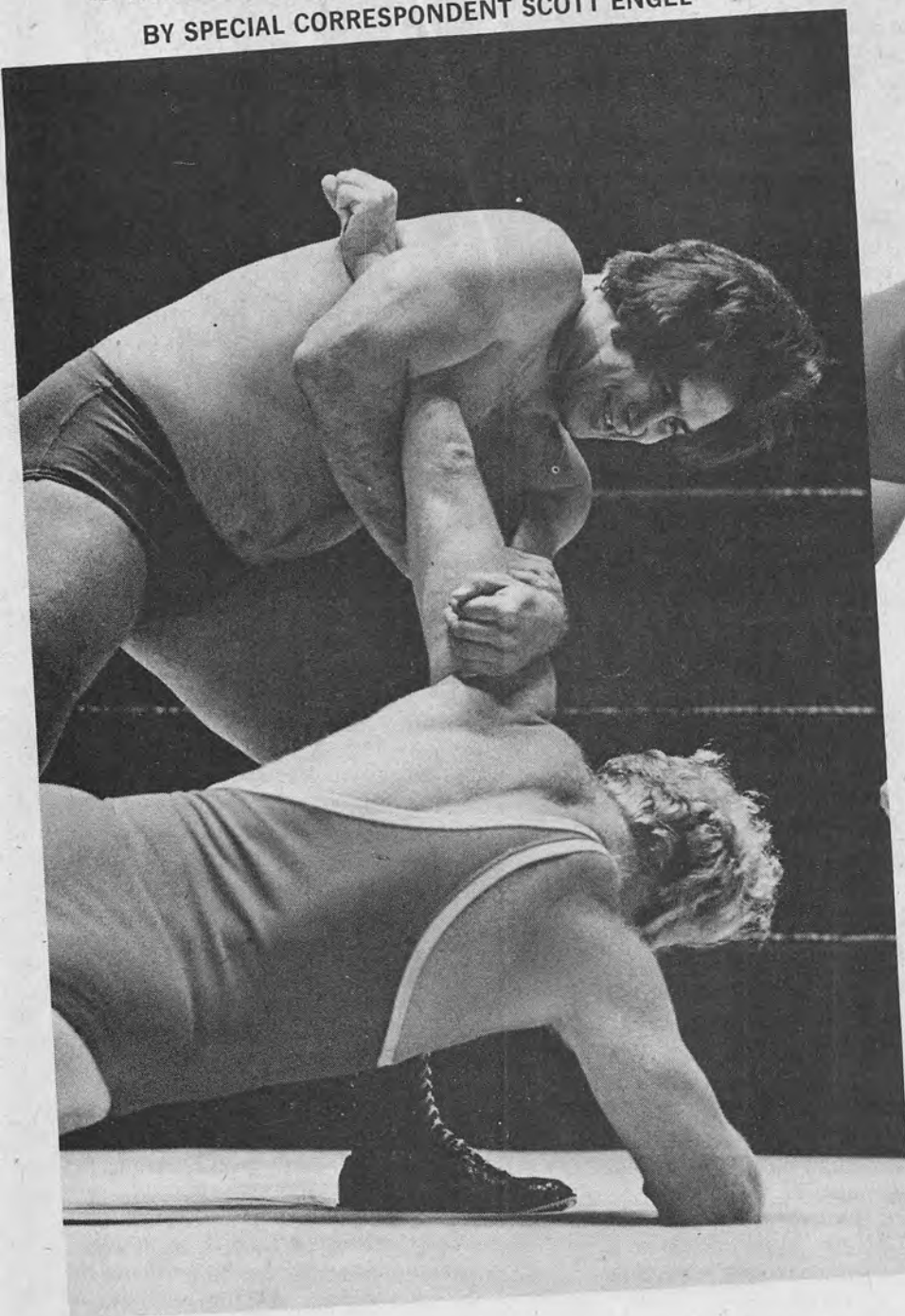
No one who wished to live would remain within striking distance of Pampero. Sheik decided to leave and battle another day, leaping over the ropes and starting for the dressing room. A start was as far as he got.

Confidently disdaining the foreign object, Firpo grabbed Sheik and showed why some people don't need pencils to gouge. Like a jungle animal, Firpo dug his teeth hard and deep into Sheik's forehead. The Arab's scream of anguish reverberated throughout the arena.

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Because of all the reports this magazine has received about Jack Brisco "turning dirty," we sent a reporter to one of Jack's matches in Toronto. Here is what he found

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT SCOTT ENGEL



No matter how he twists (left) and turns (above), Lyons can't escape Jack Brisco's armbar.

DON'T BELIEVE THOSE reports you've been hearing about Jack Brisco turning dirty. They're just not true. I know. I saw an example of how these rumors get started myself.

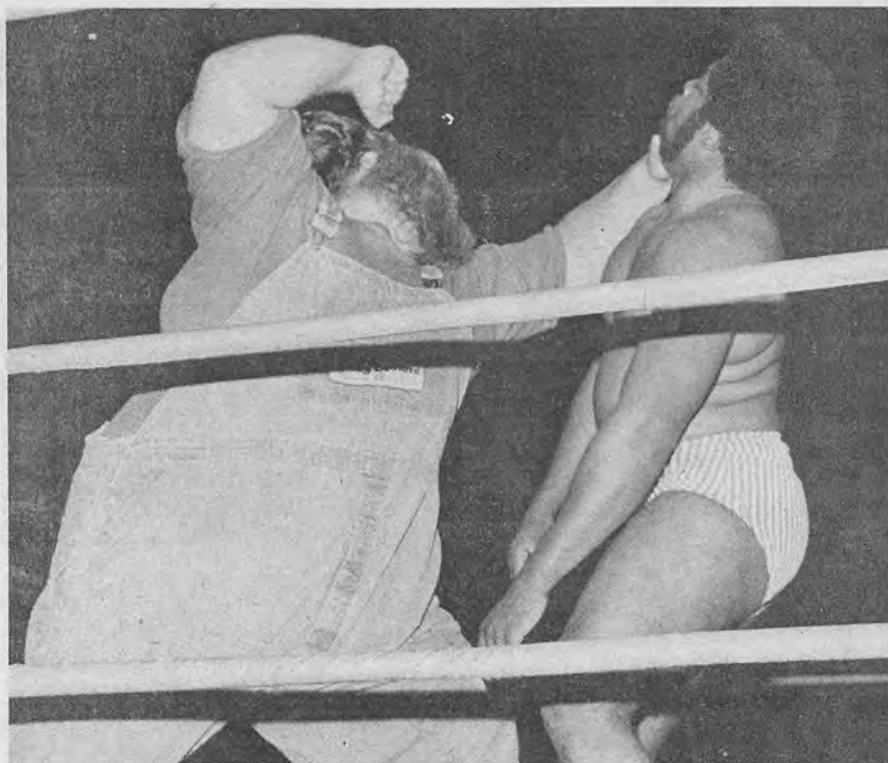
Since this magazine has been flooded with reports about Brisco turning into a "bad guy," the editor dispatched me to Toronto, where the N.W.A. heavyweight champion had an upcoming title match against popular Billy "Red" Lyons. If these rumors were true, this match figured to be a good opportunity to see that truth in action.

As is often the case, the fans were behind the local hero, in this case Lyons. While Brisco wasn't booed, he didn't get the reception a popular champion figures to get.

During the match, however, fans

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DON'T BELIEVE THOSE NASTY STORIES ABOUT JACK BRISCO



Mike's new, illegal tactics employed against Porkchop Cash have made Mike's many fans angrily yell in disbelief. Whether he punches Cash (above), savagely kicks him (below left), or smashes his great weight into Cash's chest (below right), Mike's fans watch with heavy hearts.



Wrestling fans can accept almost anything. But when Man Mountain Mike started using illegal tactics it was just too much to take

THROUGHOUT THE NATION wrestling fans are wondering out loud, "How could you turn bad, Mike?"

Man Mountain Mike, the beloved mountain of the mat, has taken a sudden turn for the worse. His popularity has sunk to depths usually

"HOW COULD YOU TURN BAD, MIKE?"

PHOTOS BY THEO EHRET

reserved for the villains of the trade.

What has brought about this dynamic change?

"I'm fed up!" screamed Mike. "I'm tired of being Mr. Nice Guy. Everybody knows the expression 'nice guys finish last.' Well, I'm tired of being a nice guy. I'm tired of putting up with foreign objects and dirty wrestlers. I'm tired of getting cut. So I've decided to fight fire with fire."

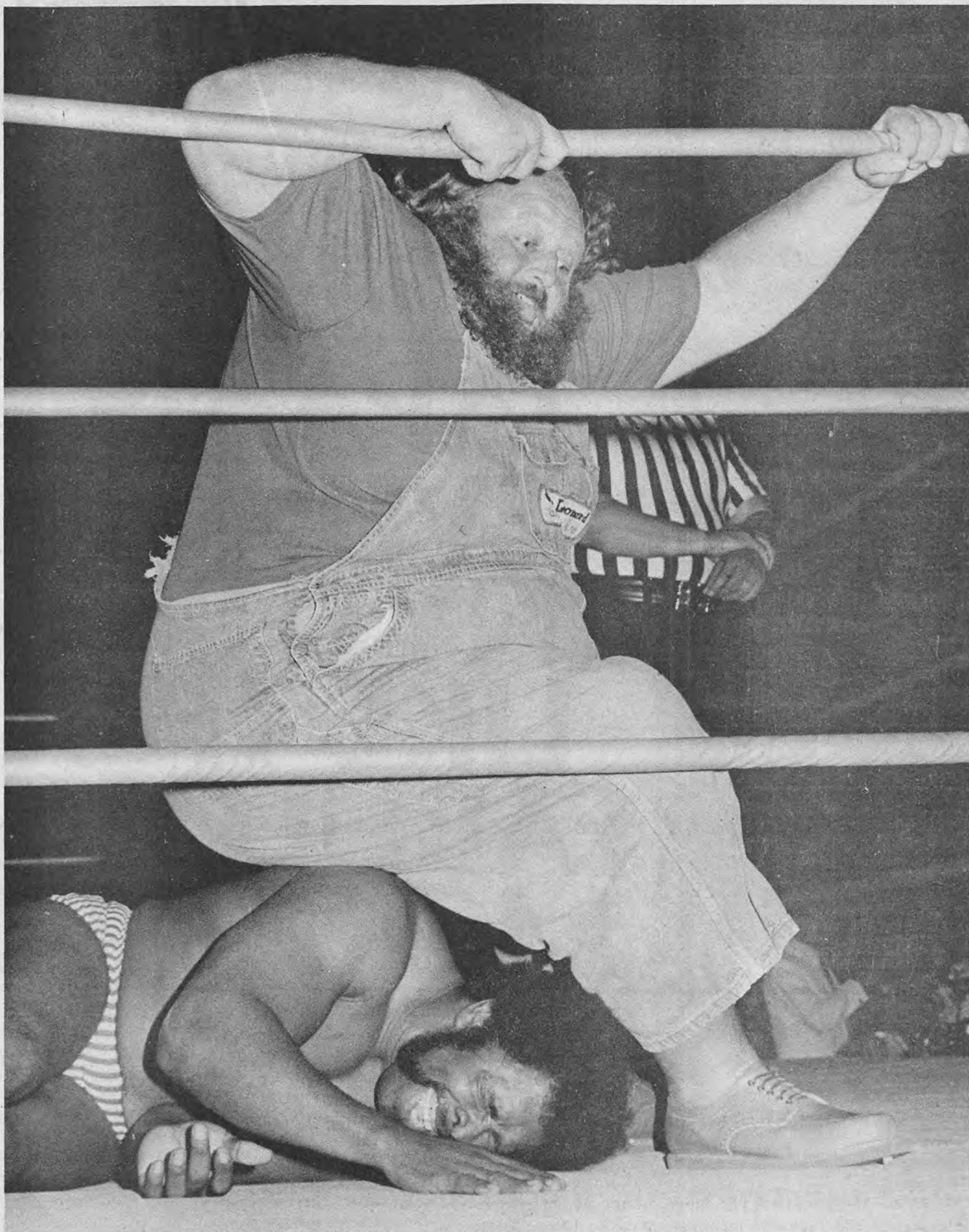
Mike lived up to his promise that very night and Porkchop Cash still doesn't know what happened. Or what hit him.

"The man has really changed, hasn't he?" asked Cash. "He used to be a nice guy. Now look at him. I liked him better before."

And Porkchop can't be blamed for that. Cash was hit with an arsenal of illegal objects that would make The Sheik look tame. He had to leave the ring at one point after being slashed across the forehead with an object Mike carefully concealed from the referee. Mike just stood and smiled in horrible delight at the massacre that was Porkchop's face, as if to say, "It's about time. I got mine, now you'll get yours."

"I did him in, didn't I?" questioned Mike. "I really did him in. Let's see who messes with me now."

Undoubtedly, fewer men will take



the risk of raising Mike's wrath now that he has adopted his new tactics. But what about his fans?

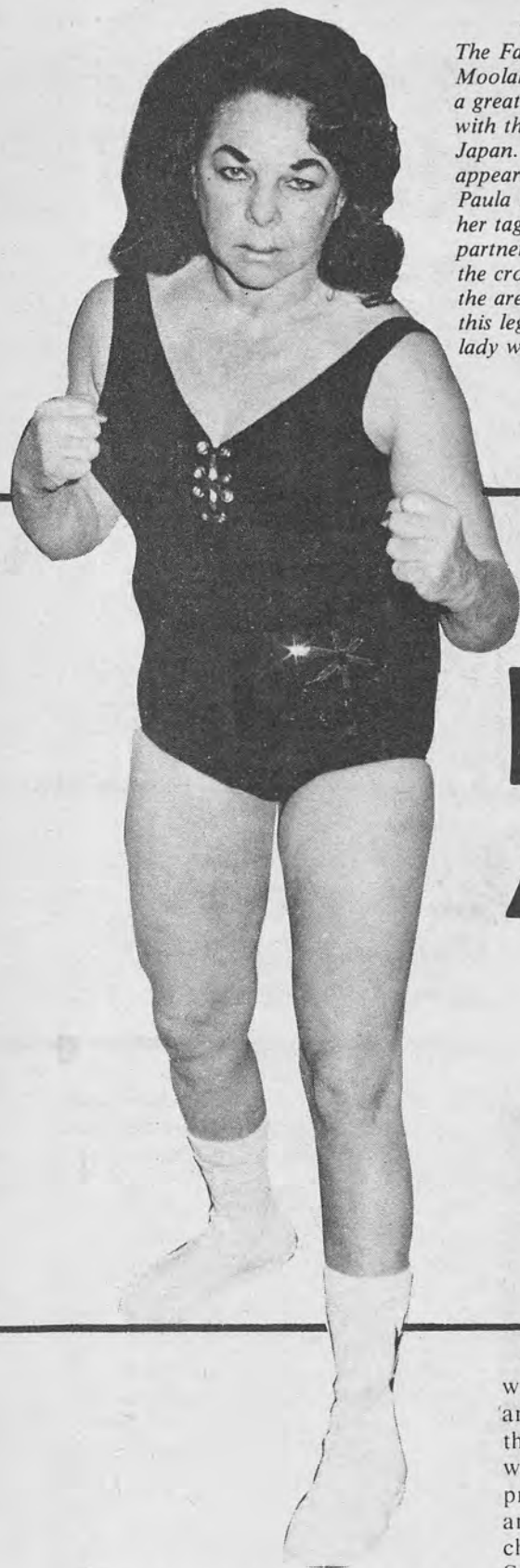
"I don't like him anymore," one fan was overheard saying. "He's

no longer the Man Mountain Mike I knew and loved."

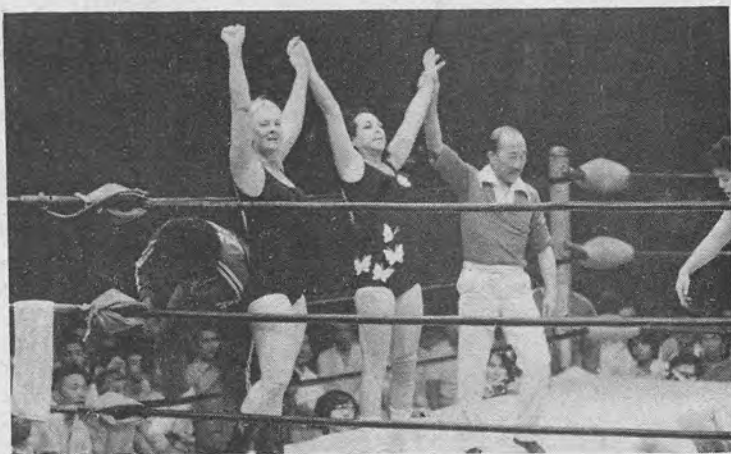
One woman exclaimed, "He's got some nerve! My little boy idolized him. Now what kind of example is

he setting? I just wish he would still be the nice guy he once was. My boy's heart will be broken."

Indeed. How could you turn bad, Mike? □



The Fabulous Moolah (left) is a great favorite with the fans of Japan. When she appears with Paula Kaye as her tag team partner (right) the crowds pack the arena to see this legendary lady wrestler.



JAPAN'S NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THE FABULOUS MOOLAH!

FEW WOMEN ATHLETES have captured the Japanese imagination as completely as has the Fabulous Moolah. When she makes an infrequent appearance in the Orient, it's an event of monumental importance.

When Moolah announced she would visit Japan with Paula Kaye and wrestle any women's tag team in the country, the arena was sold out weeks in advance. It came as no surprise to Japanese fans when it was announced that the country's tag team champions, Chiyo Obata and Terumi Sakura, would defend their country's honor against the world renowned pair.

Paula Kaye's angry look as fans cheered Moolah in the airport betrayed her unpleasant surprise at discovering the overwhelming adulation with which fans worship Moolah.

Though the fans were respectful toward her, Paula's reception was dwarfed by the adoration which greeted Moolah. Within 30 seconds of their arrival, Paula's ego made her regret ever agreeing to the trip.

The excitement at Moolah's arrival kept building until the night of the match. Chiyo and Terumi are beloved in their native land and their loyal fans were worried for their safety. The legend of Moolah has swept the world and women who wrestle her have been known to leave the matches forced to seek other forms of employment.



Paula and Moolah show the Japanese women why it's not a good idea to be caught in the opponents' corner (above). Moolah also shows she can do it all alone as she hurls her victim into the ropes with cruel power (right).



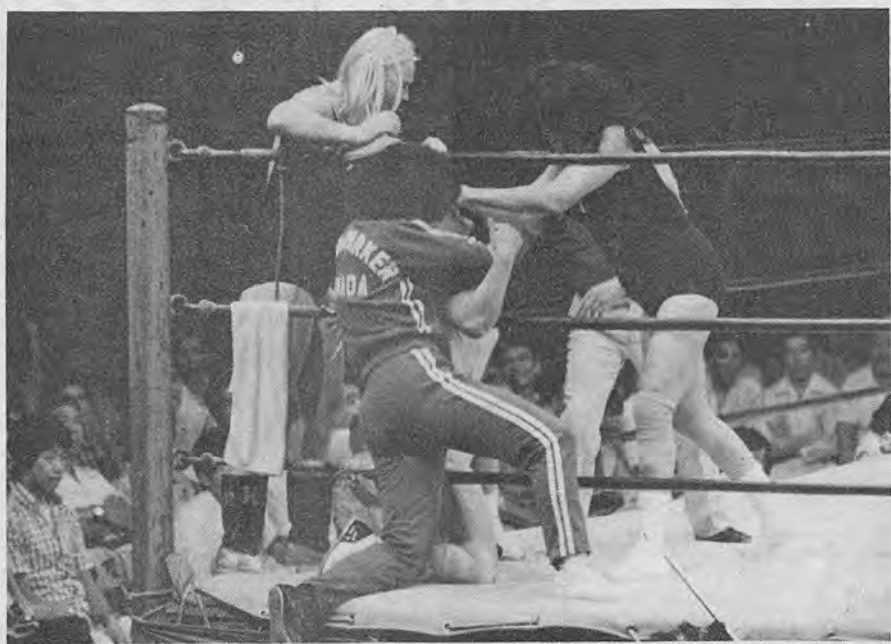
Still, Chiyo and Terumi leaped into their corner exuding professional confidence. However, the two women couldn't have been unaffected at the thunderous ovation which greeted their American opponent's arrival. Even Paula was a bit shocked at the ecstatic cheering Moolah's appearance commanded. Paula gritted her teeth, determined to prove to the fans the greatness of Paula Kaye.

Chiyo and Terumi wrestled valiantly yet were unprepared for the illegal, savage tactics of Moolah and Paula. The Japanese women's courage and skill allowed them to battle well and, in fact, have both Paula and Moolah in trouble time and time again. There was no chance, however, of the girls beating the American grapplers, experts at torturing opponents and confounding referees.

Moolah and Kaye pummelled, doubleteamed, and battered away at their two opponents. The Japanese girls couldn't believe their opponents' cunning in hiding illegal, agonizing tac-

Fans in Japan discovered what American fans have long known. You may not like the tactics the Fabulous Moolah uses, but you have to respect the way she gets the job done

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Sandy Parker, the second for Moolah and Paula, helps the two women gang up on their helpless Japanese victim. Chiyo Obata and Terumi Sakura, the Americans' Japanese opponents, again and again proved their courage by refusing to submit to overwhelming punishment.

tics from the referee. The Japanese fans watched in horrified awe as Kaye and Moolah gave a cruel exhibition of illegal wrestling.

Moolah, however, seemed to feed on the crowd's adulation. She battled with magnificent ferocity. They may have hated her cheating tactics but no one could help but admire her consummate skill.

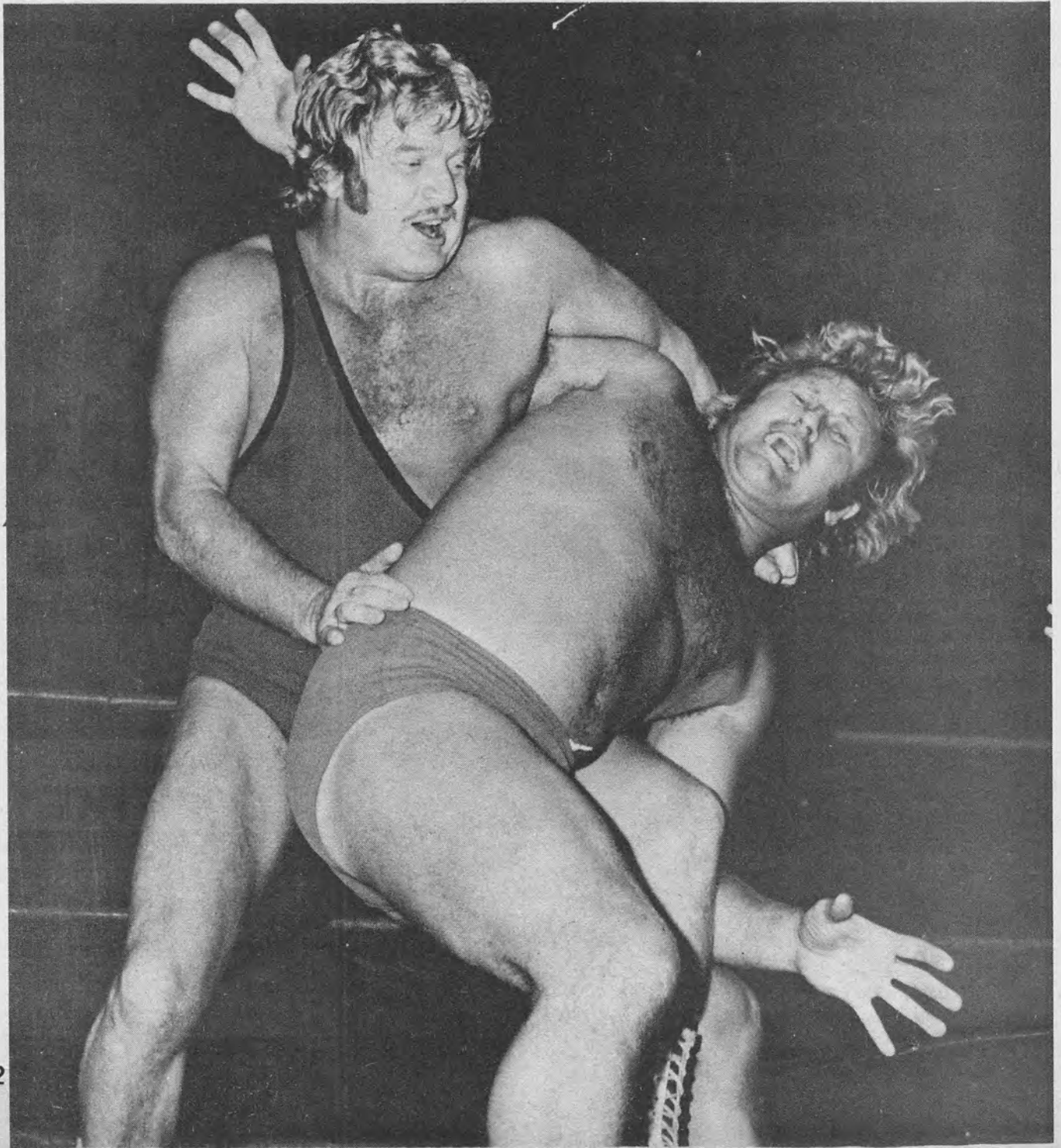
When the match ended, both teams received a spontaneous standing ovation. The fans applauded Chiyo's and Terumi's ability and courage while also rewarding Moolah's and Paula's terrifying desire to win.

Moolah proved once again why her legend is one of the greatest in wrestling history. Paula had the rich satisfaction of knowing she'll never again be treated like less than a champion when she visits the Oriental island.

The Japanese fans were sorry to see Moolah and Paula leave for the States. It's not every day you see a living legend. □

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THIS HOLD CAN CRIPPLE YOU FOR LIFE!!!



It's quick. It's painful. It can cripple a man for life. It's the abdominal stretch and it's quickly becoming the most popular submission hold in the sport

Red Bastien almost ended Nick Bockwinkel's career with this abdominal stretch (opposite page).

THE WRESTLER IS whipped into the ropes. The ropes sag as his back plummets into them. At the end of their strain they reverse direction and propel the wrestler back towards the center of the ring.

The opponent...waiting...ducks around behind his man, wrapping one arm underneath the wrestler's arm while at the same time snaking his leg around the opposite leg of his opponent. Then he begins to lean back, pulling back the right shoulder and left leg. The victim begins to scream in anguish. He knows he must concede. He has just been trapped in one of the most crippling holds in wrestling—the abdominal stretch!

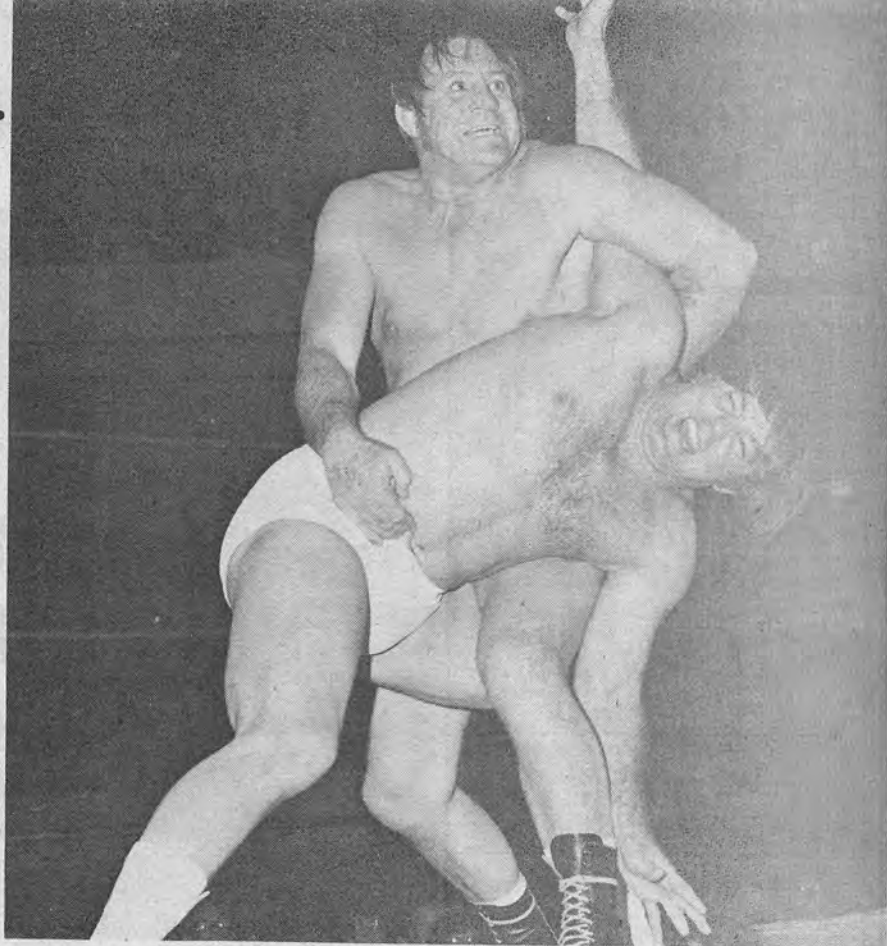
Yes. Occasionally a wrestler will, somehow, work his way out of the abdominal stretch. But not often. In fact, the abdominal stretch as a submission hold has an outstanding success rate, more than 97 percent!

"The abdominal stretch is acripler, no doubt about it," says Pat O'Connor, former N.W.A. heavy-weight champion and a man who's considered one of the world's foremost experts in applying the abdominal stretch. "Properly applied, it is one of the few holds that cannot be either reversed or escaped from.

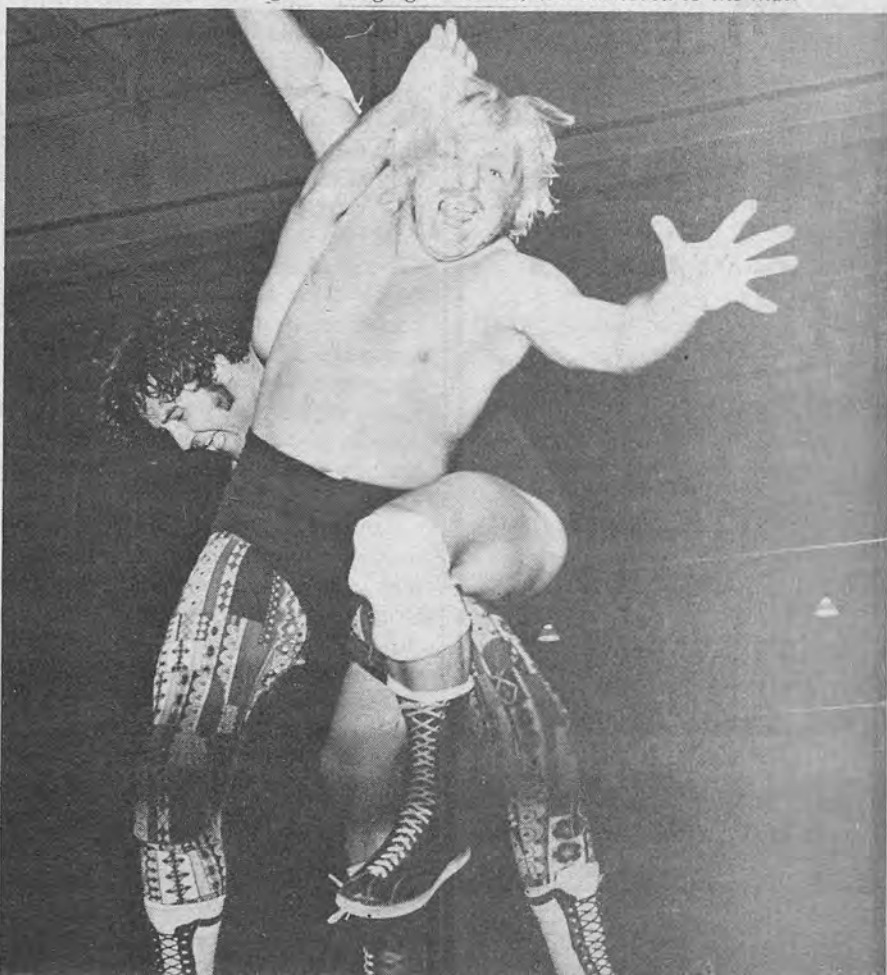
"What makes it so successful—and so dangerous—is that it actually stretches the muscles in the abdomen as well as the rib cartilage. That's extremely painful, a pain few people can tolerate.

"If the victim doesn't concede almost immediately he'll black out

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Above: This is the proper way to execute the hold. Note Pat O'Connor's left arm up near Tim Woods' shoulder. Note Pat's left leg around Tim's thigh. Both of Pat's feet are planted firmly on the canvas. Below: This is the wrong way to execute the hold. Bobby Kay does not have a solid grip on Bobby Shane's shoulder. His left leg, instead of being wrapped around Shane's thigh, is hanging in the air, not anchored to the mat.



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One of the main reasons Antonio Inoki was able to wrest the N.W.F. championship from Johnny Powers is Inoki's abdominal stretch, one of the most effective and crippling in professional wrestling!

from the pain. If for some reason he doesn't concede or black out, the person controlling the hold will keep on applying the pressure. If he bends his man back far enough he can snap his spinal cord, paralyzing a man for life."

"The great thing about the abdominal stretch is that there's no way out," notes Red Bastien, who has won more than his share of matches with this devastating hold. "Think of all the other submission holds. The cobra twist. The claw. The Boston crab. The figure-four leglock. The spinning toe hold. Even the sleeper. In every one of those holds there is time to work your way out before it takes effect. Not in the abdominal stretch. It's instant.

"In my entire career I've seen only one man break the hold. Black-jack Lanza broke one on Jack Brisco in a title match in San Antonio, Texas. Usually, when a man get out of it, it's because he's near enough to the ropes to step out and force a referee's break."

"I remember that match Bastien's talking about," Brisco stated when questioned about it. "I'd never seen anything like it. When Lanza broke

out of it I was so stunned I lost the fall. It psyched me out completely. I still don't know how he did it.

"Usually, when a man gets out of one it's because it wasn't applied properly. Maybe the leg wasn't gripped sufficiently. Or the arm was allowed to wriggle loose. But I had him perfectly and he still got out!"

"The abdominal stretch is a great hold for someone like me," notes big Ron Fuller, "because taller wrestlers have a definite advantage. There are two important points in making the hold successful. You tie up your opponent's arm *above* the elbow, as close to the shoulder as possible. Then you tuck your arm behind his, bending it at the elbow.

"Secondly, you must wind your leg around the other man's thigh ... not his shin or ankle. That's why a taller man has the advantage. He has longer arms and legs so he can wrap them around his opponent easier. If your legs are too short you'll find yourself balancing on the one leg you don't have wrapped around your opponent. It's easy for him to knock you off balance.

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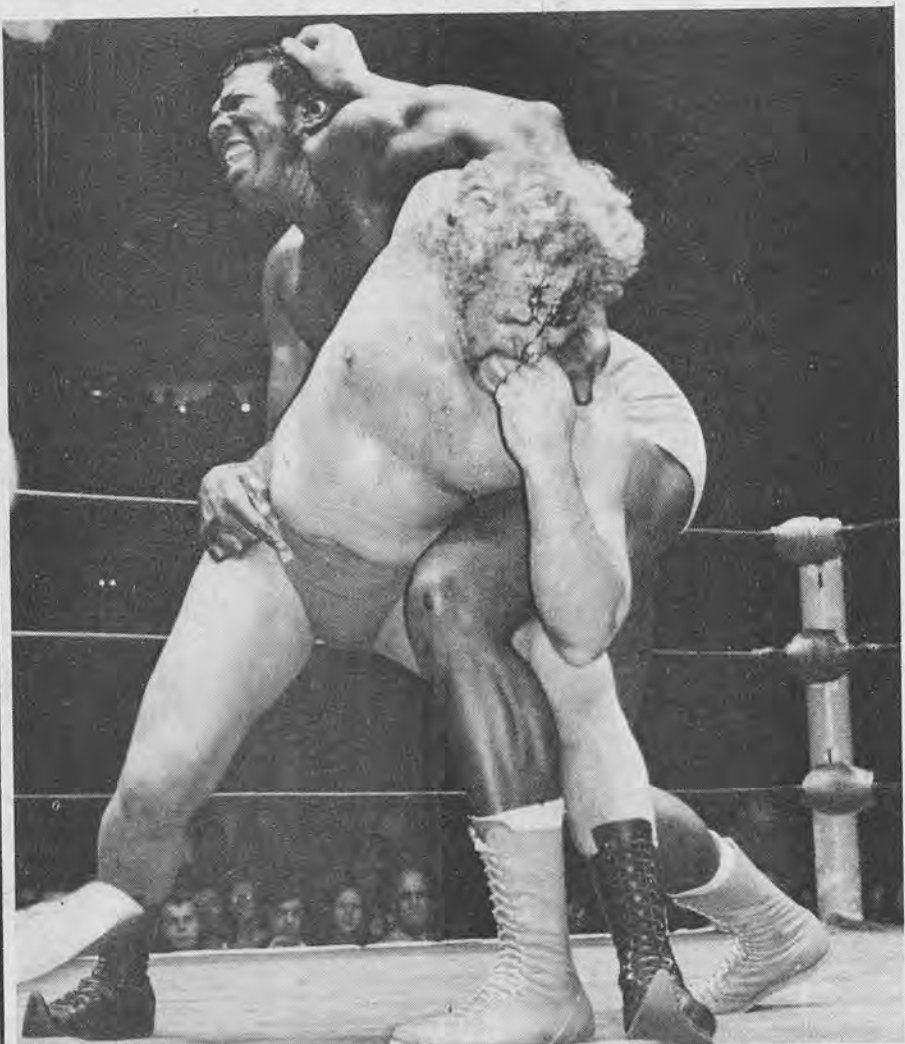
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Even the Sheik's repertoire of dirty tricks is helpless against the abdominal stretch when it's applied by a master like Bobo Brazil! No wonder it's a hold which can end almost any wrestling match.

If you have long legs you can be sure both will be firmly planted on the mat, lessening the chance of your getting knocked over."

Seeing an abdominal stretch applied successfully used to be a rare occurrence for a wrestling fan. But now more and more wrestlers are using it.

"Older wrestlers used to think it was a strength move," explained Johnny Powers, who lost his N.W.F. heavyweight title to Antonio Inoki when forced to concede to an abdominal stretch. "But when the era of isometrics came in, more and more wrestlers began to realize it's a leverage move rather than a strength move. Therefore, wrestlers who ordinarily wouldn't have tried to master it, thinking they didn't

have sufficient strength, now consider it a very valuable part of their arsenal."

"Unlike other complicated submission holds, the abdominal stretch is not difficult to learn," notes Tony Garea, popular New Zealand sensation. "That's one reason for its popularity. But it's not the type of hold amateurs or fans should practice on their friends. It's too dangerous. And the consequences could be disastrous. If it can cause 300-pound wrestlers to scream in agony and concede a match within seconds, think of what it can do to people unfamiliar with it.

"There's no question about it. The abdominal stretch can cripple you for life!" □

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Even fan favorites like Mil Mascaras and El Sicodelico are guilty of using the ring ropes.

These wrestlers obviously do not understand the reasoning behind the new ruling. The regard for their own individual freedom of style seems to outweigh their regard for the safety of their opponent.

"Hey, I can't start worrying about whether or not I'm going to hurt my opponent," explained Kowalski. "I'm a wrestler not a doctor."

One thing is certain. Men like Kowalski keep the doctors in business. Dr. Bernhart Schwartz has treated many wrestlers in his time, but according to him, "The worst injuries I've treated have been the result of wrestlers jumping off the top rope. They don't realize the power generated by the force of their jump. It's enough to kill a man. But still they want to continue this practice. Where are their scruples?"

"I am a doctor and I'm used to treating people with sickness and injuries. But I agree with the new ruling. There has to be some humanity left in the world."

Koloff disagrees. "Who the hell does that doctor think he is? There's no room for humanity in a wrestling match. If he wants humanity let him go to church or wherever he goes. The guy oughta know better. After all, his job depends on guys getting hurt, right?"

Ivan Koloff and many other wrestlers have voiced strong opinions against the new rule. Some have gone as far as to break it. In any case, Koloff summed up the feelings of most wrestlers.

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STRONGBOW

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Though he may not receive a title shot in the W.W.W.F. area, Chief Jay Strongbow couldn't ask for more love and respect from the fans, many of whom consider him the greatest wrestler in the entire world!

them all to be fair. There's no way I want to be obligated to all that traveling.

"I'm a family man and enjoy my

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Chief's matches against his hated enemy, Lou Albano (above), and against the Spoiler (below) make him a crowd favorite and respected among other wrestlers.



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AN OPEN LETTER TO JERRY BRISCO

I hope you read this, Jerry, because I am a fan of yours who would like to express my feelings to you personally.

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Please come back to the Carolinas! We love you! We want to see you get back at Johnny. Take it out on him—not everyone else. Please!! Before you lose your fans because of your rage, please, Jerry, come back!

PHYLLIS O'NEAL
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MADCAP TAG TEAM

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Reginald Love discovers that Dom and Tony are interested in more than just having laughs.

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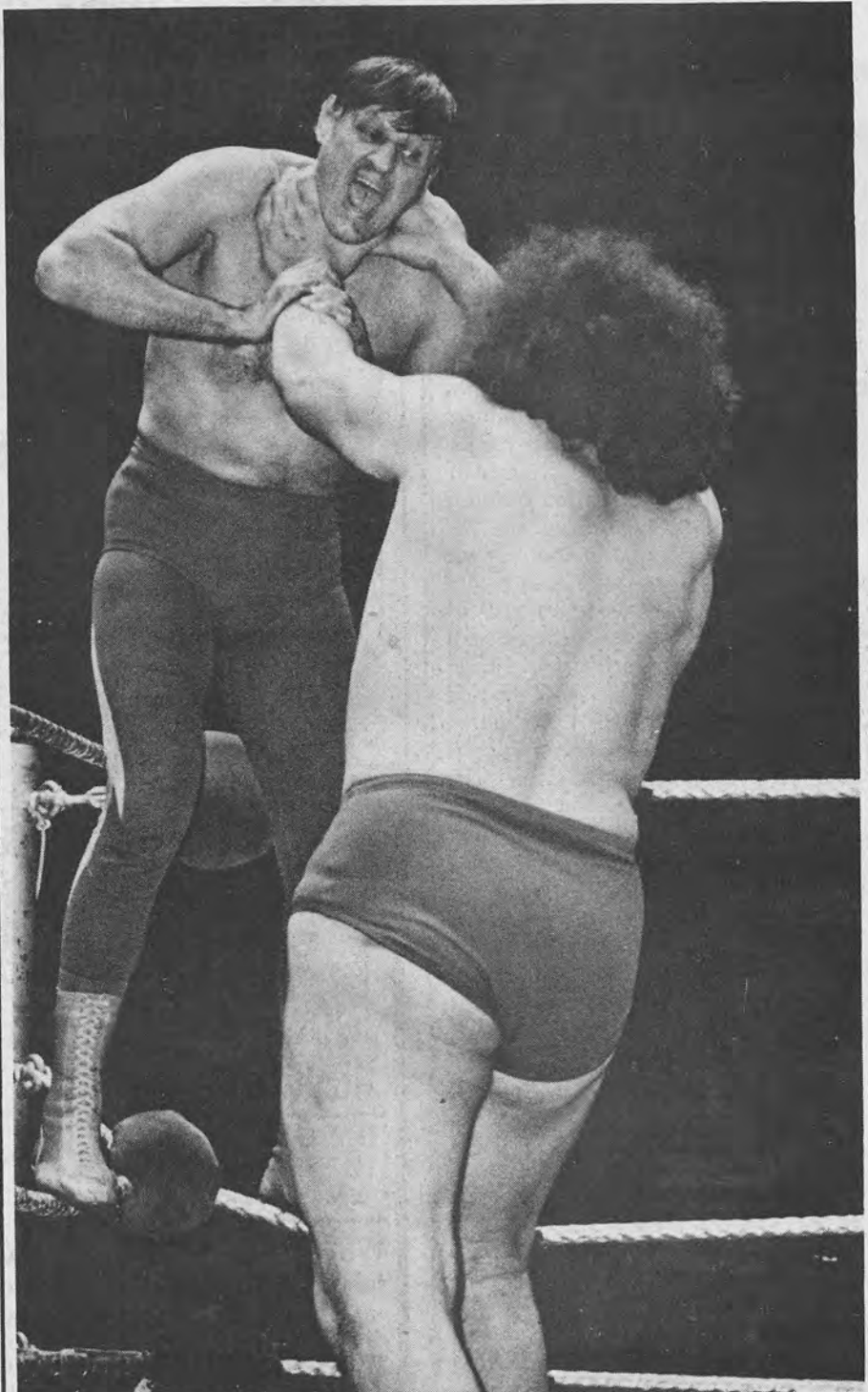
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Well if you cut his legs out from under him and bring him to the canvas—he's the same size as anyone else. He's like a fish out of water. If we can bring Andre down—and keep him down—we win easy."

The strategy sounded logical. The difficult part would be in getting it to work. Andre The Giant is not the easiest man in the world to bring down.

That, as it turned out, would be no

problem. As soon as the match began, Kowalski rushed at Andre and drove a devastating kick right into the Giant's groin!

Andre grimaced in pain and bent over. But he didn't go down. Angered, Kowalski rushed back to his corner to tag Kobayashi. The Japanese strongman ran in and also delivered a terrifying kick to Andre's groin.

This proved too much even for a giant to withstand. Andre tumbled to the mat like a fallen tree. Kobayashi and Kowalski now had him where they wanted him.

However, in all their planning for Andre they'd forgotten about Victor Rivera. Seeing what was happening to his partner, Rivera tore in and slugged away at Kowalski and Kobayashi. This tactic gave Andre time to crawl to the corner and recuperate.

Whereas the genius of spotting the apparent flaw in Andre's style obviously belonged to the Grand Wizard, the cruelty with which the plot to bring Andre down (kicking him in the groin) was pure Blassie. Each and every time Andre entered the match either Kowalski or Kobayashi or both tried to kick him in the groin. The problem, of course, is that this just made Andre angrier and angrier, and when he finally got hold of them they ran for the exits.

"Did you see it?! Did you SEE it?!" The man doing the screaming was the Grand Wizard, thrilled that his theory had proven correct. "Just like I told you!" he bragged. "Get that big stiff off his feet and you've got him. If that greasy little monkey Rivera hadn't interfered we'd have murdered that circus freak. But we proved my point. We found Andre's weakness and used it to drive him out of the ring."

The theory may have been correct, but the method with which Blassie chose to test it only served to make things more difficult for his team. Still, Freddie gloated about all those shots to the groin his men had landed.

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Will The Sheik (above) ever be able to wrestle in St. Louis? Moondog Mayne was toppled by the very popular Peter Maivia (below).



"He'll definitely win the title for me."

It's open season on eccentric manager "Playboy" Gary Hart. Just what does that mean? Well, if Hart interferes in matches, he can legally be dragged into the ring and be beaten to shreds. If he gives up or is pinned, his man loses the battle and that's the way it goes down in the record books. All of Hart's enemies are delighted at the open season ruling and can't wait to get their hands on the manager they hate so much.

Fans in St. Louis, Missouri are being asked by N.W.A. president Sam Muchnick to drop him a line letting him know whether or not they feel the ban keeping The Sheik out of St. Louis should be lifted.

"I barred The Sheik because I felt the fans did not want to be subjected to his maniacal tactics," Muchnick reported. "But many people have written to me requesting an end to the ban. Now it's up to the fans to determine what happens."

Moondog Mayne's reign of terror in California has finally been stopped. And it took the talents of Peter Maivia to do it.

"I was fouled!" Mayne exclaimed after the match. "The damn referee saw it. Everyone saw it. That bum threw sawdust in my eyes and hit me on the head with a chair. How could they let this happen to me?"

"Look," Peter joyfully pointed out in his dressing room, "how many times has Mayne said 'Even with my own methods, no one could beat me?'"

Well I just showed him he was wrong. By the way, I did nothing wrong. He tore me to pieces several times with a foreign object and threw sawdust at me first during the match. My case rests."

Correspondent Paul Windham reports that Jerry Brisco has put a bounty on the head of Jerry Lawler. Rumors have it that Jerry's brother Jack wants Lawler rubbed out before he gets a return match against the champion. Jack had a lot of trouble with Lawler in their first clash. Lawler, a noted rule breaker, is now spreading the word that Jack is running from him.

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YOU ASKED US

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attack. I wouldn't want to do that. I'm such a gentle creature."

Q: Do Mike and Eddie Graham plan to come to Texas soon? — Diane Brown, Fort Worth, Texas.

A: "We have no plans to do so at the moment," Mike said. "Right now we're busy trying to wipe out men like Professor Tanaka, Gary Hart and Dick Slater down South."

Q: Is the beating Abdullah The Butcher received from Tor Kamata in your Oct/'73 issue of THE WRESTLER the worst beating Abdullah ever received? — Tony Linton, Wellington, New Zealand.

A: "You must've gotten Kamata and The Butcher mixed up." Tiger Tommasso, Abdullah's spokesman, said. "Abdullah was in charge during the entire match."

Q: Did Kobayashi ever wrestle his manager Fred Blassie? Sue Klaus, Oradell, N.J.

A: If they ever did—neither one will admit to it!

Q: Very often you run stories about The Destroyer. Then I hear about another man calling himself The Destroyer in the Carolinas. Are there two Destroyers or are they the same? — Peggy Hemler, Charlotte, N.C.

A: There are two Destroyers. The one who wrestles in your area is The Super Destroyer. The other one is the original Destroyer. Both have nothing but respect for one another but they do not like to be mistaken for one another.

Q: Why isn't Jerry Lawler listed in your top 10 ratings? — Billy Orgel, Memphis, Tenn.

A: Take a look at our ratings this month, Billy!

Q: Have Mil Mascaras and brother El Sicodelico ever teamed up? — Brian Walker, Iauranga, New Zealand.

A: "Yes. Many times," Mil noted. "He's a very good partner, the best I could hope for."

Q: Pedro Morales wasn't at the Madison Square Garden show I saw. Has he quit? He's always on the Garden cards! — Sonia Jarres, Brooklyn, N.Y.

A: Don't panic Sonia. Pedro isn't quitting. He was busy wrestling elsewhere that night and will be back at the Garden shortly. ☐

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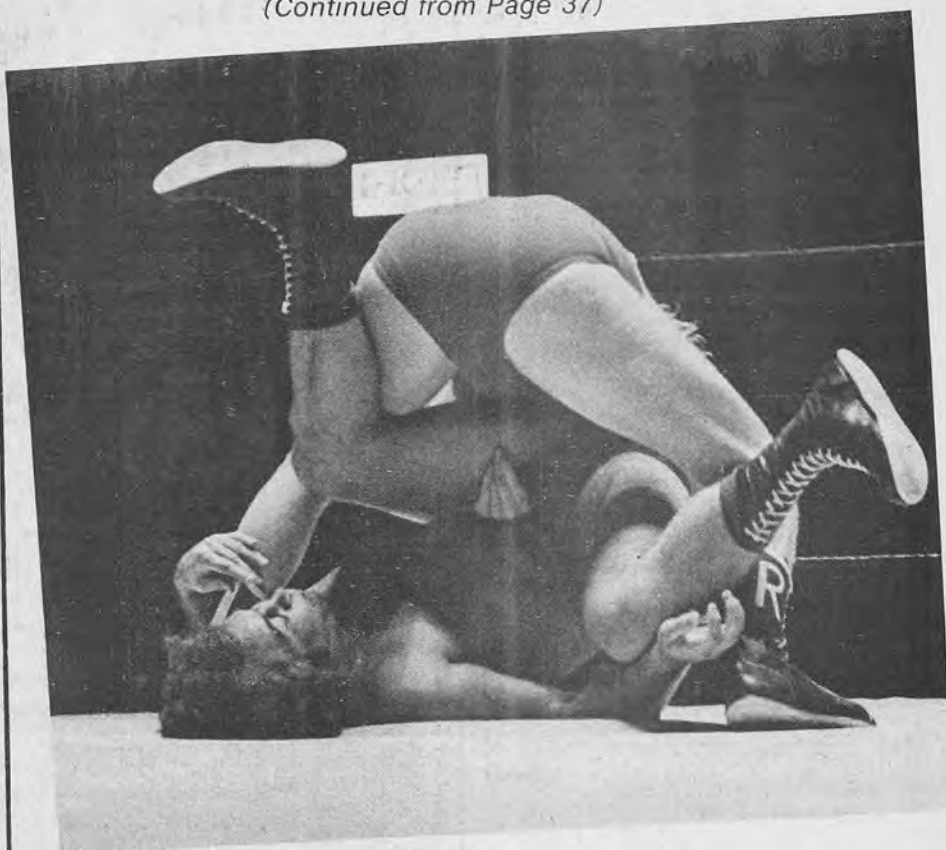
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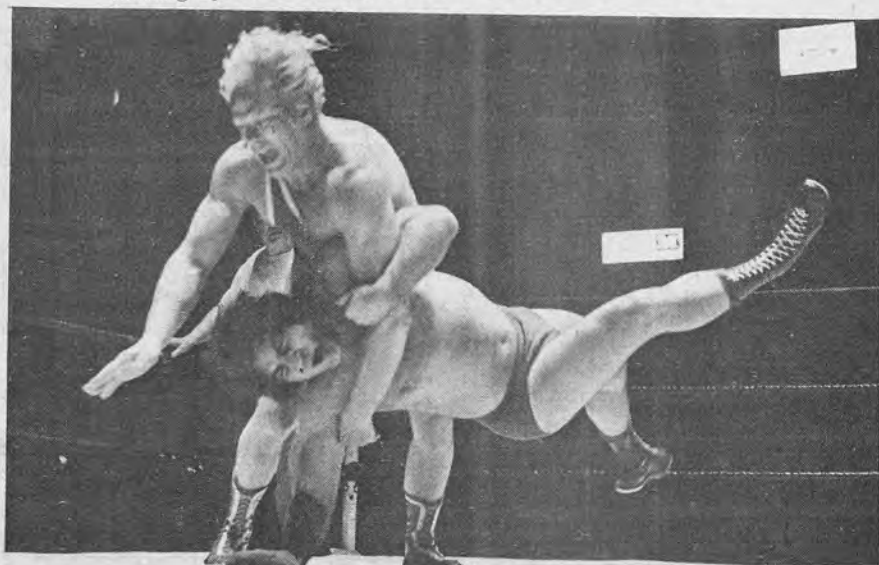
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JACK BRISCO

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Above: Though Jack is in danger of being pinned, he refuses to use illegal tactics to free himself. Is this the way a dirty wrestler operates? Below: Jack shows he doesn't need illegal tactics by sending Lyons to the canvas with a perfectly executed flying armdrag.



found few reasons to either boo Jack or accuse him of dirty tactics. The bout, for the most part, was clean. The contestants traded scientific hold for scientific hold. There were however, two interesting developments.

At one point Lyons had Brisco in

a painful double armbar. The only way for Jack to get out of it was to slug his way out. So he landed a perfectly legal forearm smash and busted out of the hold.

Here the boos began. "Disqualify him, ref!" some fans yelled. Others called Jack names. Yet,

when two minutes later Brisco clamped the exact same hold on Lyons, and Lyons used the exact same tactic to escape it, the crowd cheered his action.

Another time the crowd voiced its displeasure was when Brisco hurled Lyons out of the ring. However, when Billy did the same to Jack, nobody complained. I asked Jack about these two incidents after the match.

"People see what they want to see," the champion explained. "The exact same move when executed by the crowd's favorite draws a different reaction when the other man uses it. This is how these rumors of a man turning 'dirty' get started. I'm sure there will be some people who saw this match tonight who will say 'Jack Brisco is a dirty wrestler because he slugged Lyons.' Yet Lyons did the same to me. And both incidents involved perfectly legal moves.

"When you travel from city to city and you run into a string of hometown favorites you're bound to get booed. It's natural. You have one guy who wrestles there all the time. Suddenly the champion comes into town and everybody's rooting for the local hero to knock him off. Anything the champion does is considered 'dirty'.

"I'm not the first guy this has happened to. If you remember, the same rumors went around about Dory Funk Jr. when he was the champion.

"I'll admit that rarely I'll do something maybe I shouldn't. But the title's on the line five times a week against all kinds of maniacs, sometimes you react before you think. However, I try not to use tactics like that unless my opponent uses them first. And even when I do—it doesn't mean I'm turning into a dirty wrestler."

Even Billy Lyons, Jack's opponent for the evening, supported what Brisco said. "He didn't do anything that I wouldn't do myself. And I'm not a 'dirty' wrestler. Had our roles been reversed, had I wrestled exactly as he did and used the moves he did, I would not have been booed. Yet he was."

We still get reports about Jack Brisco "turning dirty." But in the matches we've seen, it appears fans are reading more into Jack's style than is really there. □

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LARRY HENNIG

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Larry shows Buddy Wolff and the fans that his change of tactics does not mean he's any easier to beat (above and below). In fact, since starting to wrestle scientifically, many experts are saying Larry is more effective as a wrestler and may now make it to a championship!



"I owe my life to my friend Bob Baxter. He came to my aid when I really needed someone. We had a long talk and he convinced me to change my ways. That was the turning point."

"He really was in trouble," said Baxter. "Larry reached the point of no return. I just tried to explain to him that he really was a good person and that life was better than he thought. He thought he was the meanest person alive because he was mean in the ring. But I know he's thinking differently now."

His opponents have been taken by surprise by the sudden turnaround. In a recent match, his opponent, Buddy Wolff, said, "I

thought the wrong wrestler climbed into the ring. That wasn't 'Bad' Larry Hennig, was it? I had to change my entire strategy."

Many opponents have taken the same viewpoint. They come into the ring expecting Hennig's "dirty tricks" and leave actually liking this "new" man. One wrestler even went as far to say, "The man is incredible. Two months ago we went at it and he was the dirtiest wrestler I had ever gone against. Now he's like a saint. I'll even go as far to say that I like him."

Hennig sums up his change from dirty to scientific wrestler with these words:

"It was tough but I did it. And I I'm proud." □

STRONGMAN

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Art crushes Baker in his famous bearhug. Thomas' huge muscles make this hold one of the most agonizing in all professional wrestling. Just ask Ox Baker!

at Art in the opposite corner," Bobo continues. "He's an awesome sight with those rippling muscles. I'm just glad I'm his friend and don't have to mix it with him. His power is astonishing. Watch other wrestlers watching Art wrestle. Their discomfort shows how respected Art's strength really is."

Other great wrestlers echo Bobo's sentiments. Bruiser remembers battling Sailor Art Thomas years ago. It's not one of Bruiser's most pleasant memories.

"One of the times I'm most relieved about changing tactics and opponents," Bruiser said before Art's match began, "is when I see Art wrestle. A lot of people say he has remained scientific over the years because he has a very easy-going personality.

"Don't believe it.

"He's so strong he's never tempted to try other ways of wrestling!

Wrestling Art is like trying to battle a bulldozer. I've never been as sore the day after a match as I was after pitting my strength against Art's. That's when you know a guy's strong, when you're sore the morning after."

Awed and admiring testaments to Thomas' strength come from many wrestlers some who wish to remain anonymous because they have no desire to let a future opponent know how much he is feared. Yet the list of those present when Art confronted Ox Baker reads like a "Who's Who" in wrestling.

No one was disappointed. Ox used every trick in his varied bag of dirty tricks. Baker knew no limits with his illegal tactics. Yet it was Sailor Art Thomas' fabled strength which told the tale.

"Look at him panic!" Bobo screamed as Baker tried a desperate, illegal maneuver which failed. "I told you so! Guys like Baker want no part of a scientific match with Art. So they do the dirty tricks which usually put them way on top. But with Art's strength, it doesn't work. This is sending Baker into a frenzy of fear!"

There was no doubt Baker's terror at being unable to cripple Thomas led to the dirty wrestler's downfall. While Art remained calm and confident, Baker couldn't understand why his vicious moves produced no results. Thomas could break free and turn the move around to where Baker was in trouble. When Baker eventually had to submit, he seemed more relieved than disappointed.

After the match, Thomas responded openly but modestly to questions about his strength. Listening to the man talk, one could understand why he's such a great athlete and beloved man.

"Of course I work at keeping in shape," Art says, "but I was gifted with a fine body to begin with. It's not my fault, it just happened that way. I could have easily been born small and weak. I'm fortunate and do the best with my good luck. I'm just smart enough not to abuse my gifts."

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Pampero Firpo

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Now Sheik was too outraged to end the battle. He squirmed free and ran to a ringside chair. Firpo, seeing Sheik brandishing the chair, scurried back into the ring and waited for the next confrontation.

It was soon coming. Sheik swung the chair at Pampero, hoping to knock the Argentinian's head off. Instead, Firpo wrestled the chair away from Sheik and showed his shocked foe just what can be done with a folding chair.

Firpo slammed the chair over Sheik's head, forcing his head through the opening in the backrest. Once he had his captive, Firpo wrenched the chair sideways, almost breaking Sheik's neck. The Arab crumpled to the canvas where Firpo continued to torture him.

Eventually, the referee disqualified them both. Neither man was satisfied and neither had any intention of stopping. It took the entire special police force to halt the battle.

The next time the two men met, which was not soon enough as far as they were concerned, the commissioners insisted it be a cage match. They hoped to contain the two dangerous maniacs as much as possible. They reasoned it was difficult to squeeze a chair through wire mesh!

Neither Sheik nor Firpo was happy with a match in which the winner must go away from the loser rather than stay and beat his victim into senselessness. However, no promoter wanted to take a chance with those two maniacs not roped off from the fans.

So the two met in a brutal, bloody cage match. Still, both men knew the humiliation of defeat was more painful than any physical wound. As a result, two men who wanted nothing more than to stay and kill each other had to run away in order to win!

That, of course, settled nothing. "Look," explained Firpo. "I am de only man who can destroy de Sheik! De only one. He has never beaten me. Een fact, every time we have wrestled he has come out of eet een worse shape den Pampero. I am not escared of heem and dat



Sheik and Firpo claw at each other attempting to scale the cage (above). No wonder Sheik is worried about Firpo (below)!



ees what drives heem crazy."

Firpo is correct. The pair has had classic battles in Toronto and Detroit, and more often than not, Sheik came out on the short end.



Firpo knows no limits in assaulting opponents, especially when the opponent is Sheik! Pampero is quite prepared to break Sheik's neck with a chair (above) or use his teeth to tear the flesh from Sheik's forehead (below). For this reason, Sheik is determined to drive his hated enemy from wrestling using any and all methods of torture.



Firpo, The Sheik's former tag team partner, may just know too much about him.

Firpo seems to have The Sheik's number. And Sheik knows it. Since

neither has ever particularly cared how brutal his tactics may get, this is a confrontation that may not end until one of them can no longer enter an arena ever again. □

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CORRESPONDENT REPORTS

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Wrestler-manager "Playboy" Gary Hart chokes Jerry Brisco. But while he was managing Dick Slater and Tory Tanaka, Hart was caught up in a wild melee and almost had his legs broken!

showed his own style of dirty wrestling. Under the savage beating, Brown crumpled lifelessly to the canvas. An ambulance quickly arrived and the stricken wrestler was taken to the hospital.

The team of Al Greene and Phil Hickerson defended its title against Tommy Gilbert and Eddie Marlin. All four men wound up bleeding profusely and the referee was forced to call a "no contest." It should have been called a mutual massacre.

FLORIDA REPORT

By T.G. Nathan

West Palm Beach's Auditorium is a beautiful place. But not to Gary Hart and his stable of wrestlers — Pak Song, Dick Slater, Pak Song and Professor Toru Tanaka. You see, it was there that they all saw one of their worst nights at the hands of Eddie and Mike Graham and Joe Leduc.

To start with, the Grahams were slated to clash against Slater and Tanaka, with one stipulation. If Gary Hart, manager of the dreaded duo, runs in and he is pinned or gives up during the melee, his men lose — no questions asked.

When his men entered the ring, Hart turned right around and went to the dressing room area where he could see the match and not be grab-

bed at by Mike or Eddie.

Eddie and Mike gave Tanaka and Slater a run for their money. But the tables turned when Tanaka and his young partner used their famous foul tactics to inflict brutal punishment on their opposition.

When fully in charge, they called Hart in to help. But at that instant, Mike and Ed took the reins again. They beat the daylight out of Hart. Then Joe Leduc ran in to get his licks on Hart. But Tanaka and Slater ganged up on him, making him a bloody mess. Meanwhile, Mike was trying to bust Hart's leg as he applied pressure to a figure-four leglock he'd gotten Hart into.

Finally Hart conceded and his team fled. Leduc lay on the mat, a bloody mess.

Eddie and Mike carried him back to the dressing room. He was supposed to wrestle Pak Song. But it looked like he wouldn't.

"I will not quit," Joe said. "I will wrestle him." And so he did.

Joe was bloodied more at Song's hands but turned the tables and bloodied his Korean adversary and finally stopped him.

All Song's friends ran out of the dressing room — as did Leduc's. It looked like a battle royal was forthcoming. Finally special police broke up the brawl. □

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The Mud Match proved so successful that another one was tried in October of that same year pitting Pinder against the great Gus Sonnenberg. Sonnenberg and Pinder grappled for 20 minutes in the slippery mud with the Hindu besting his American opponent.

Things got even wilder when one promoter got the idea of matching 360-pound Harry Jacobs and 465-pound Jumbo Kennedy in a Mud Match. Fans in the first five rows got splashed when Kennedy bodyslammed Jacobs!

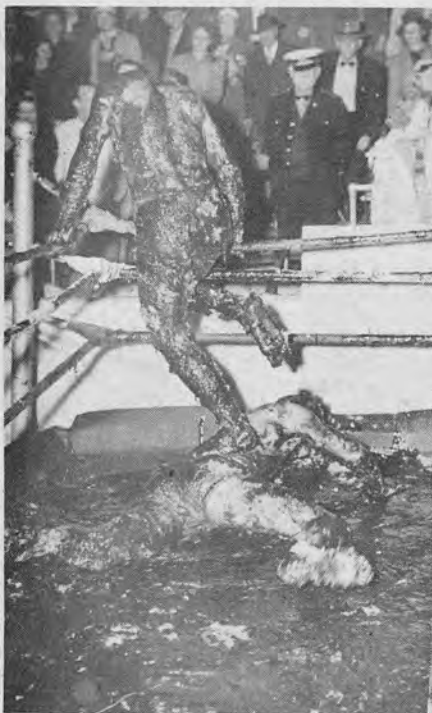
Every once in a while promoters resurrect mud matches. In 1950 Miami, Florida saw one of the gooiest mud matches on record. The mud was too watered down and the grapplers slipped and slid all over the canvas.

Why do we rarely, if ever, see mud matches, ice cream matches, tomato bowls, blueberry matches or molasses royals? Many promoters, and rightfully so, feel matches such as this give the sport a bad image. But if they're not overdone, one or two a year might really give the fans a thrill.

Wrestling promoters are constantly dreaming up new ideas like Battle Royals, cage matches, chain matches, handicap matches, etc., etc. But despite their creativity and ingenuity, they have nothing on those old timers who dreamed up some of the wildest matches in wrestling history! ☐



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If you hire two servicemen (full or part time) while you keep your job, the national price guide provides you a gross profit of \$14 an hour on their work and this is much easier to do than you think. We show you how... step by step. That's \$490 for a 35 hour week.

Your gross profit on three servicemen is \$21 per hour. Duraclean dealers find it easy to gross \$7 per hour on EACH serviceman plus \$12 an hour on any service they themselves render. The 21 page illustrated booklet we'll mail you (with no obligation) explains how most of your gross profit becomes clear net profit. Your income is limited only by the number of servicemen you employ.

You can operate from a shop, office, or your home. Equipment is light and portable.

At the start, you may want to render service yourself... or you can start with full or part time servicemen. This business is easy to learn... easy to start... so easy to service that women dealers do it. We prefer you have no experience... not have to "unlearn" old ways.

We are NOW enlarging this worldwide system of individually-owned service businesses. If you are reliable, honest and willing to work to become financially independent, we invite you to mail the coupon.

When you receive our illustrated booklet, you will see the way we show you step by step how to quickly get customers... and still more customers from their recommendations.

You have 7 superior services that are rendered "on location" in homes, offices, hotels, theaters, clubs, motels and institutions.

These are not ordinary services. You have

the prestige and endorsement of leading furniture makers and carpet mills, of Parents' Magazine and McCall's, of Research and Testing Laboratories.

National magazine advertising explains superior merits of your services, builds your customer confidence and brings job leads to you.

We and a Duraclean dealer will train you and assist you. He'll reveal his successful, proven methods. You have pre-tested newspaper and yellow-page ads, commercials, and a full mailing program.

Stores, upholsterers, insurance adjusters, and decorators refer jobs to our dealers. These year 'round services are in constant demand.

Start Small, Grow Big in this Booming Business

Many men have said to us, "I can't afford to give up my job till I know I have a sure thing... a sound business that will provide both security and a better living for my family."

That made sense to us so we worked out such a plan... and those same men are now enjoying a Duraclean dealership in many communities. You don't experiment. You use tested, proven methods. You have our backing and "know how."

Does this appeal to you? Don't decide now. Mail the coupon so you'll have the facts to decide wisely. There is no obligation. You'll then know whether this is what you want.

You can start small and grow big. A third century ago Duraclean was an idea... but it caught fire and spread to a world wide service. Why did it spread? (1) superior processes, (2) proven customer-getting methods (3) Day to day guidance from Headquarters.

Our first service, the care of upholstery and carpets not only cleans, it enlivens the fibers... revives dull colors. Pile rises with new life. There's no harsh machine scrubbing. No soaking. Mild aerated foam lightly applied lifts out dirt, grease, many unsightly spots like magic. Furnishings are used again in a few hours.

Government figures show service businesses are growing faster than industries and stores... \$750 million yearly potential just in rug and furniture cleaning. Your 6 other services are explained in the free booklet we'll mail you.

Less than \$1500 establishes YOUR OWN business. A day's profit more than pays the monthly payments we finance for you.

Men frequently take in partners.

We furnish electric equipment and, with first shipment, enough materials to return your TOTAL investment. If you have good habits and know the importance of customer satisfaction, you can likely qualify for a Duraclean dealership.

TODAY is the time to reserve a Duraclean dealership, before someone takes your location.

It's been said, "Opportunity knocks but once at every man's door." This could be that one rare opportunity in your life.

It is surprisingly easy to learn this business. You can decide from the information we will send you whether to apply for a dealership. So, with no obligation whatever, mail the coupon TODAY. Cut it out NOW so you won't forget to mail it.

Mail this coupon TODAY It may put you in business

Duraclean International
5-792 Duraclean Bldg., Deerfield, Ill. 60015

With no obligation, mail 24 page illustrated booklet telling how and why I can quickly increase my income and family security while still employed, how you'll help finance me. No salesman will call.

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You don't need any equipment or gadgets. *Dynamic Tension* requires only 2 simple things of you: (1) a little of your spare time, (2) willingness to build yourself into a better, stronger, healthier specimen of manhood. **JUST 15 MINUTES A DAY** — right in the privacy of your own room. That's all it takes — and soon you'll really begin to feel **ALIVE**, chock-full of zip and go!

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